

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m., Tuesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Decreasing
northerly winds, fine and continued de-
cidedly cold.

Royal—Pondie.
Cantel—To the Ladies.
Dominion—Long Live the King.
Pavilion—His Mother's Love.
Columbia—The Face On the Barroom
Floor.

THE TIMES EXTENDS NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL

Moody Analyzes Outlook for 1924 Business Men

It Will be a Constructive Year,
With Good Revival After
Middle, He Says

Conditions Now Right For
New Period of Prosperity;
Labor and Trade Stable



JOHN MOODY
Special to The Victoria Times
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NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Here's a business and financial forecast made by John Moody, analyst, who probably has a closer touch on the pulse of business conditions than any other man in the country.

1924—On the whole, a constructive year, with business good and marking the beginning of a period of longer prosperity.

Moody is not swayed by sentiment. Cold facts are his fodder. He has been in the financial atmosphere for more than 30 years and is now president of Moody's Investors Service which was founded in 1908 for the development of the Moody Rating System on Investments and to furnish expert reports and advice on business and investment conditions to banks, bankers, business men and investors. He has frequently gone abroad to investigate the foreign situation and is in close touch with European problems.

"Speaking broadly," he says, "I look upon 1924 with considerable optimism. We will find it, on the whole, a constructive year, with the rapidity of progress depending somewhat on political developments."

"There are certain fundamental facts that indicate the possibilities for a good year. For the past six months or more we have been in a period of more or less financial contraction. A study of this financial exhibits shows that bank reserves are being built up; merchants' liabilities are not greatly expanding; there are no longer great inflated inventories of the type of 1920; interest rates are relatively low and have been tending to remain so all the year; the season when they usually tighten up."

"Notwithstanding the activity in business, reserves are being built up which are the usual forerunners of a period of prosperity. The notion which prevailed a year ago, that we might run into a new period of inflation, has not been borne out by the facts."

"For big business has been acting more cautiously than it did during the period of wild inflation in 1919 and 1920. There has been little tendency to over-expand and stock up with goods in anticipation of a boom. Most business men still remember the smash of 1920 and have learned a lesson in caution."

"All these primary factors make for healthy conditions for the inauguration of a new period of prosperity immediately ahead of us. There may be only moderate evidence of the business revival until the middle of the new year. But if there is a decided promise of tax reduction, and other constructive political developments take place, real business revival may be evident much earlier. Like everything else, psychological factors enter into business conditions."

Then taking up the leading industries, Moody said this:

"FARMERS: Agriculture has been behind the procession for several years but the farmers are, on the whole, better off than they were a year or two ago. This improvement should continue during 1924 if weather conditions prove favorable and markets do not contract to any great extent."

Part of Petrograd Under Water While Neva River Flooded

Moscow, Dec. 31.—Reports from Petrograd say part of the city is submerged under the waters of the Neva, which has flooded its banks despite the severe winter weather. Many factories have been inundated. The Neva is full of icebergs floating in from Lake Ladoga.

APPOINT MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY'S GOVERNING BOARD

Appointment of H. C. Shaw and J. N. Ellis, of Vancouver, to the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia was announced by Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Education, to-day. They will succeed the late Dr. Scott and Dr. McKechnie.

REPRESENTED C.P.R. IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR CRYSTAL GARDEN

Premier Oliver issued the following New Year's message to-day on behalf of the Provincial Government:

"The Premier and members of the Executive Council wish the people of British Columbia a happy and prosperous New Year and to that end—

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Missionaries Are Captured in China by Bandit Gang

Sankow, China, Dec. 31.—It is reported that bandits captured at Tsoyang three Lutheran missionaries, Mr. Hoff and his wife and Mrs. Kilan. Mr. and Mrs. Hoff are said to be wounded.

Another report says three missionaries were killed.

CANADA'S TRADE WITH UNITED STATES SHOWS AN INCREASE FOR YEAR

Improved Tone of Business Indicated By Figures For
Twelve Months Ended November 30; Exports
\$87,567,588 Greater; Imports \$113,760,116 Greater

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Canada's exports to the United States during the twelve months ended November 30 were higher in all main groups except animal products than in the previous twelve-month period. Exports of agricultural products were up \$6,000,000; exports of wood and paper \$54,000,000; exports of non-ferrous metals \$16,000,000; and exports of non-metallic minerals \$4,000,000.

Total Canadian domestic exports to the United States during the twelve months ended November 30 were \$419,893,920, compared with \$332,326,132 in the twelve months preceding, an increase of \$87,567,588.

Imports from the United States were \$615,205,580 in the year ended November 30 last, as against \$501,445,464 in the year previous, an increase of \$113,760,116.

NATIONALIST PARTY OF INDIA VOTES FOR ASIATIC FEDERATION

Poona, India, Dec. 31.—(Canadian Press Cable via Reuter's)—The Indian National Congress, after a lively debate, by a vote of 775 to 205 accepted, subject to a reference to a committee, the Indian National pact calling for the federation of the Asiatic peoples "for the emancipation of Asia."

The Congress, however, declined to treat similarly a Bengal Swarajist Hindu-Muslim pact, which was rejected.



BASIL GARDOM
Superintendent of Construction
Hols Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway

RIVERS IN FRANCE IN STATE OF FLOOD, AND DOING MUCH DAMAGE

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Seine was rising faster than ever this morning and experts said it probably would continue to do so all this week. Yesterday's continuous rains quite submerged the hope which the sunshine of Saturday had engendered. Parisians are beginning to ask whether they are to live over again the terrible ordeal of the flood of 1910, when the river passed the 27.5-foot mark. Crowds watch the swollen yellow stream as it rolls through the city, whirling timbers, barrels and miscellaneous wreckage to the sea.

The Prefect of Police visited the flood-threatened suburbs last night and made arrangements with the civil and military authorities for the evacuation and sheltering of the inhabitants, who seem very likely will shortly have to leave their houses.

OTHER RIVERS
Rivers in other parts of France are at freshest, causing great suffering to the people and much property damage. The flood season has come earlier and is worse than usual, following two months of almost continuous rain.

The Rhone River is rising rapidly. The low-lying country through which it flows is submerged. At Nevers, on the Loire, half the town is inundated and 400 persons have had to quit their houses. Water is pouring through the railroad cut in the neighborhood of Clamecy. The overflow of the Marne has converted the country from Virey la Francaise to Chalons on a vast lake.

COMMUNICATIONS BROKEN
In addition to the floods in the South of France, there was a mistral of exceptional violence which put telephone communication between Paris, Marseilles, Nice and Italy out of commission, and almost completely cut off telegraphic communication. All ports and inlets are filled, with ships seeking refuge. Numerous distress signals from vessels in difficulty have been reported from various wireless stations.

\$200,000 LOSS IN CANNERY FIRE

Buildings on Denny Island
Were Burned Yesterday

Cause of Blaze in Bella Bella
Region Unknown

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Bella Bella cannery on Denny Island, 320 miles north of Vancouver, Sunday. The cannery was owned by the Gosse Miller Packing Company, Ltd., and was partly protected by insurance. A score of employees' dwellings also were burned and the total loss is \$200,000.

Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Lieut.-Governor of Quebec, is Ill

Quebec, Dec. 31.—Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, was taken suddenly ill yesterday, but was reported improved at noon to-day. His physicians prescribed a rest to bring complete recovery.

DITCHBURN GETS BOOST IN OFFICE

Named Indian Commissioner
For Whole Province

Has Been on Coast For Over
Thirty Years

W. E. Ditchburn, Chief Inspector of Indian Agencies in British Columbia since 1917, has been appointed Indian Commissioner for the Province.

In the telegram from Dr. Duncan C. Scott, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, it is stated that the appointment will rank for civil service purposes back to April 1. In his message Dr. Scott says: "I am very pleased to be able to send you this information on the threshold of the New Year."

Mr. Ditchburn has been associated with the Department since 1916. He was selected in that year as Inspector of Southwestern agencies when the Province was divided into three inspectorates, and as the policy was varied in 1917 to place a chief inspector in charge, he received that position. For some time he has been acting as Commissioner in the character of his duties as executive officer of the Department in British Columbia. Now the Department has formally recognized his status, incidentally from an historic point of view the branch here is now under a similar officer to the first appointee, who was styled "Commissioner."

Robinson, Captain in C.P.R. Service, Honored by King

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Commander Samuel Robinson, R.N.R., the Vancouver shipmaster who won such fame at the time of the Japanese earthquake by skilful navigation of the steamship Empress of Australia at Yokohama, has been made a Commander in the Order of the British Empire, according to a wire from Montreal headquarters of the Canadian Pacific.

Commander Robinson does not take all the credit to himself. He has publicly paid tribute to the efficient work of his staff.

MAN DENIES HE KILLED W. D. TAYLOR

New Orleans, La., Dec. 31.—The police here last night received an anonymous telephone call that the slayer of William Desmond Taylor was seated on a bench in Lafayette Square. He was described as wearing a dark suit and answering the name of Dodge. Officers located him, but at headquarters he denied the slaying and said he had been released only a few days ago from jail at Raiford, Fla., and was serving time there when the murder was committed. He is being held by the police pending further inquiry. He gave his name as Frank Hooper.

CLEARINGS SHOW GROWTH SUSTAINED

Half Million Difference Between 1922 and 1923

Total Was \$105,229,802 For
Closing Year

Bank clearings in Victoria for the year 1923 were \$105,229,802, as compared with \$105,775,654 in the corresponding twelve months of 1922.

The figures are not as large as the years 1919, 1920, and 1921, the former two years of which were influenced by the shipbuilding boom. The peak year was 1921, with a small decline in 1922, dropping \$55,000,000 in 1924 when war broke out. Then it remained practically stationary in 1925, 1926 and 1927, climbing in 1928, when the figures were approximately the same as this year, gradually to the second peak year of 1929. Then the curve fell away to the present figure.

SALES TAX RULING MADE AT OTTAWA

Merchant Tailors, Dress-
makers and Milliners Need
no Licenses

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—(Canadian Press)—The Ottawa Customs and Excise, milliners, furriers and florists selling exclusively by retail to consumers or users, are classified as retailers, and are not required to take out sales tax licenses, under an order issued from the Department of Customs and Excise. The terms "merchant tailor" and "dressmaker" in this regard mean the ordinary merchant tailor and the ordinary dressmaker who fit, make and sell their goods to the orders of individual customers on the same premises upon which they are made and not through agents or chain stores.

This regulation does not apply to furriers making goods for stock.

RANCH HOME BURNED

Nelson, B.C., Dec. 31.—While W. H. Alexander, and family of this city, were attending Sunday School yesterday, their new ranch house and contents were burned, at a loss of \$4,000.

Vancouver Store Window Was Broken and Jewelry Stolen

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The plate glass window of Harry Pickering's jewelry store on Robson Street here was smashed early Sunday morning and rings and other articles valued at \$1,000 were stolen.

VICEROY OF INDIA RETURNS TO DELHI

Ends His Tour of Burma Be-
cause of Afghan Trouble

Increasing Tension Be-
cause of Raids Over Border

Rangoon, British India, Dec. 31.—The Viceroy has curtailed his tour to Burma and is returning to Delhi because of the Afghan trouble.

There is an increasing tension because of the raids over the Northwestern frontier.

Mohamet Ali, president of the Indian National Congress, denies the possibility of an Afghan invasion, saying "the Kabul pony can not swallow the Indian elephant."

Recent dispatches from London reported the murdering of several British officers and women along the Northwestern frontier of India by Afghan tribesmen. As a result of these crimes, it was said relations with Afghanistan were strained and British officials in London asserted that unless a satisfactory settlement was reached the Government's Minister at Kabul would be withdrawn.

The Afghan Government, it was added, had taken steps to co-operate with Indian troops in running down the murderers.

KIYOURA MAY BE JAPANESE PREMIER

Cabinet Probably Will Include
Members of Both Houses

Announcement is Expected in
Tokio This Week

Tokio, Dec. 31.—It is understood the festivities attendant upon the celebration of the New Year will delay selection of a new Cabinet probably until January 2. Unofficial forecasts favor the selection of Kiegor Kiyoura, now President of the Privy Council, as Premier, with a Cabinet composed of members of the leading parties drawn from both Houses of Parliament.

Man in a Heavy Suit Lies in Snow Awaiting Wolves

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 31.—Stanley Clarkson, of St. Paul, Minn., who hunts wolves in a steel-spiked cowhide suit, using as weapons a battleaxe with a long spike on the end of the handle and a twelve-inch hunting knife, refusing to use firearms, is in the district west of here awaiting wolves.

His method of hunting is to go back in the timber, sleep out in the snow at night and wait for the wolves to attack him. He expects to make short work of the pack with his spiked axe and long knife.

He is at present working in the bush near Atikokan getting acclimated and waiting for the heavy snow.

City to Give 1923 a Jolly Burial at Midnight To-night

Preparations for various
dances and entertainments in-
dicate that 1923 is likely to
have a merry burial and 1924 a
jolly reception.

The whistling north wind and weather that is making Victorians turn up their coat collars to-day apparently will not interfere with to-night celebrations.

Tissue-paper hats, horns, bells, confetti, serpentine and all the usual trimmings will be used in profusion to-night as guests at dances and private parties join in a thundering and merry derry over the passing of the Old Year.

Midnight celebrations will centre chiefly in the Empress Hotel, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club and the Armories.

The hotel will be the scene of a gay supper and ball. The Yacht Club, always the scene of jolly New Year's parties, will be gay to-night at a caroling dance.

Numerous smart private parties will be added to the gaiety of 1924's birthday.

NEW YEAR'S DAY RECEPTIONS GIVEN

Official and Private Functions
Afford Men Social
Opportunity

In accordance with social usage in Victoria opportunity will be given to-morrow to the men of the family to punctiliously carry out their social round. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor will receive at Government House from 3 to 5 o'clock. Dean Quainton will be at home. The senior naval officer and other officers of the Royal Canadian Navy, Esquimaux, will receive from 2 to 4 in the naval officers' mess, Esquimaux; Brigadier-General Ross, G.O.M., and officers of the Garrison will be at home at the officers' mess, Work Point, from 2 to 6. Mayor Hayward is receiving at 3 to 6.

At Bishopsclose the Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Schofield will be at home to their friends from 3 to 5. This reception is not confined to gentlemen callers, and is the only official reception this year which husbands and wives can attend jointly, as the customary New Year reception of the Premier and members of the administration will not be held at the Legislative Buildings this year. A number of members are away on holiday and the function has been eliminated in favor of private receptions by those Ministers who are in the city at their own homes and offices throughout the city will be closed for the day.

NO PAPER TO-MORROW

There will be no issue of The Times to-morrow, January 1.

MAYOR RECEIVES CONGRATULATION ON BY-LAW PASSAGE

D. C. Coleman Pleased With
Result of Saturday's
Vote

Citizens Express Satisfaction
at Decision of Electorate

Sentiment, both in the city and in other sections of the country, voices approval of the action of the ratepayers of Victoria in supporting in such an emphatic manner the agreement between the city and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to build an Amusement Centre in Victoria, work upon which is to commence by December 1, 1924.

To Mayor Hayward, D. C. Coleman, vice-president of western lines of the C.P.R., who has been closely identified with the project since the company became active in the matter, sends the following message:

"I should like to express to you and the citizens of Victoria our sincere appreciation of the almost unanimous support accorded by the ratepayers of the city to the amendment yesterday. It was a demonstration of confidence and good will which is very gratifying. We join you in the hope that the amusement centre will be a creditable addition to the attractions of Victoria and will thus contribute to its continued growth and prosperity."

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G. C. JONES, OF C.N.R. TELEGRAPHS, DIED IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 31.—George C. Jones, General Manager of the Canadian National Telegraphs, was found dead in his apartment in the National Club here this morning.

He was 55 years of age and was married.

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Baldwin and Cabinet Make Preparations to Meet New Commons

London, Dec. 31.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Premier Baldwin, who is expected to return to town to-day, will probably summon the Cabinet for a meeting on Wednesday, when points for the King's Speech, which naturally will contain what the ministerialists in their present plight propose to submit by way of a programme when the House meets, will be discussed.

Ramsey MacDonald, the Labor leader, will return to London later in the week, making the journey from Lismore by easy stages and taking counsel with his followers en route.

While most of the editorial writers forsook, doubtless with relief, political surmise and injunction over the holidays, the Rothermere group of newspapers has continued to insist that Mr. Asquith, the Liberal leader, must surely consent to make a fusion with the Tories to prevent the Socialists attaining office.

The Weekly Dispatch declared that London financial circles were bringing pressure to bear upon Asquith towards this end.

ANXIETY REPORTED
The Sunday Times, which forsook Premier Baldwin on his protectionist proposals, but otherwise was faithful to other Conservatives, spoke of it being an open secret that many worthy Liberals were gravely uneasy about Asquith's resolve to give Premier Baldwin short shrift after the opening of Parliament. While these Liberals might not love the Govern-

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SIR E. W. HOWARD IS SENT TO U.S.

London Papers Comment on
Appointment of Ambassador
Sir Horace Rumbold Amba-
sador to Spain

London, Dec. 31.—The resignation of Sir Auckland Geddes and the appointment of Sir Esme W. Howard as Ambassador to the United States, are treated by a majority of the morning papers as diplomatic incidents of more than usual interest.

The Daily News, Liberal, protests angrily against "the indecent hurry with which the moribund Government filled the most important post in the diplomatic service."

The News asks whether the Premier's frantic haste in appointing Sir Esme Howard was due to fear lest the next Ministry should appoint some impossible person.

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Earl of Jersey, Big Land Owner, Died in England

Bicester, Eng., Dec. 31.—The death of the Earl of Jersey, George Henry Robert Child Villiers, at his Bicester estate, Middleton Park, was announced to-day. The late earl was one of the large landowners of England, owning nearly 20,000 acres.

He was fifty years of age and succeeded the title only in 1915.

The eldest son, Viscount Gainsford, born in 1916, succeeds to the title.

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Best for Coughs and Colds.
The original, genuine preparation, at this store
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Campbell Bldg.
Fort and Douglas.
Prescription
Specialists
W. H. Bland, Mgr.
Phone 135

NOTICE!

Street Car and Interurban Schedules For New Year's Day

The first cars from the city in the morning will leave at the usual Sunday hour, but the last cars for all points in the evening will leave at the usual week-night hour.

Interurban cars will operate under the usual Sunday schedule throughout the day.

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Highest value in Canada. Boots and brogues for men and women. \$7.50, \$8.00 and \$8.50.

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Winter Term begins
January 7th.
Courses:
Commercial · Collegiate
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Phone 28 or send for new prospectus
Day Classes · Night Classes.

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We have some exceedingly well grown Hollies, full of berries; also some very fine trees of the variegated form of Holly.

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For Hall or Entrance decorations, both Standards and Pyramidal. What more fitting and lasting gifts for this festive season could you provide? Come and see them and make your own selection.

Phone Colquhoun 12R Free Delivery

The Four Square Gospel Mission

will hold
OLD-TIME WATCH NIGHT SERVICE THIS EVENING AT 8 O'CLOCK
in their New Hall in the Sweeney-McConnell Block, on Langley Street, between Port Street and P.O. next to B.C. Electric Office.
Wednesday and Friday at 8 p.m. Strangers Welcome
The Hall is warm and comfortable. Come and spend the night with us.

DITCHBURN GETS BOOST IN OFFICE

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years. From a small boy at Toronto in 1881 he took an active interest

In Cold Weather You Need

COAL THAT LASTS

The long-lasting, heat-giving qualities of the "Coal we sell make it the most economical fuel you can buy.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special New Year's Dinner at the Dominion Hotel \$1.00. Make your reservations early.

Carpet bowling, men's winter evening, held every Monday evening, 7:45 at St. Mark's Hall, Eglinton Rd. Come and enjoy an evening sport.

Butter—The very best local freshly churned Salt Spring Island Creamery now retailing at 55¢ per pound.

in the national summer game, and during his apprenticeship to the printing business in Mt. Forest, and Ganouque, Ont., he played in intermediate company. Going to The Brockville Recorder in 1884 he was a member of the celebrated team which won the intermediate championship of Canada, the first time it had been held outside Montreal and Toronto. Then when he went to the Capital, he played in senior company with the Ottawa Capitals. He worked both on The Citizen and Free Press there.

Then he went west to Winnipeg, and in course of time to the Coast, arriving here in 1890, and proceeding to Tacoma. He settled in Victoria in 1892, being connected with the defunct "News" printing staff, and then went to California for a period. In 1893 he came to The Times, and set type on the first line-type introduced into this newspaper, and job printing offices until his appointment to the Indian Department. In the past fourteen years the B. C. Indian administration has been marked by further division of the agencies, by improved educational facilities, suppression of illicit sale of liquor and other improvements.

NEW YORK'S WELCOME TO NEW YEAR WILL COST GREAT SUM

New York, Dec. 31.—The welcome to 1924, which will be tendered along Broadway at midnight to-night will cost 50,000 revellers something like \$200,000 for the mere privilege of extending their greetings. The great sum will be paid for seats in restaurants, hotels and cabarets.

Special squads of prohibition agents have been listed, incognito, among the 50,000 holding reservations

SKI RUNNERS PERISH IN ALPS

Number of Parties of Mountain Climbers Missing

Winter Storms Cause Great Snowdrifts Near Vienna

Vienna, Dec. 31.—Seven ski runners perished in an avalanche while ascending the Feld Aptschhorn and two more on the Bloosenau in the Alps. Numerous parties of mountain climbers are reported to be missing. In the Salzburg region the storm has abated but the Ariberg route, forming the boundary between the Tyrol and Vorarlberg, is still closed in consequence of heavy avalanches.

The snow fall in Salzburg and the Tyrol is the heaviest in a decade. Near Vienna there are enormous drifts.

MAYOR RECEIVES CONGRATULATION ON BY-LAW PASSAGE

(Continued from page 1.)

"No better day's work has ever been done for Victoria," said Mayor Cuthbert Holmes, chairman of the Citizens' Amusement Centre committee, thanks to his energetic workers who helped the passage of the by-law, to those who loaned cars to bring the voters to the poll and to the staff of the Chamber of Commerce and to the newspapers.

George L. Warren, publicity commissioner, viewed the result from an advertising standpoint. "It will bring publicity for Victoria that could not be secured in any other way," he said. "With the C.P.R. making this investment they will make it pay, and the only way they can make it pay is by bringing people to Victoria. It will build up our tourist travel and bring Victoria before the eyes of the world."

Mayor Hayward's message to Mr. Coleman was forwarded Saturday evening, and said:

"Victorians showed good judgment to-day in passing the Amusement Centre By-Law by large majority, demonstrating again the cordial relations existing between this city and the C.P.R."

"I think Victoria and your company are to be congratulated on having this mutually acceptable agreement, and can now look forward with pleasurable anticipation to the opening day of the Crystal Garden."

TELEPHONED EVERY WOMAN

W. G. Gaunce, campaign manager for the citizens' amusement centre committee, seen this morning was delighted with the majority accorded which he frankly confessed was beyond what he anticipated. While the electors realized what the Crystal Garden will mean to Victoria, he said, there were many who were inclined to accept its popularity as so assured that there was no reason for their vote. Every woman in Victoria eligible to vote was telephoned. Mr. Gaunce stated and expressed his thanks for their response. "It was the splendid co-operation we received during the campaign and the excellent spade work of the Chamber of Commerce with Major Cuthbert Holmes as chairman of the committee that brought about the satisfactory result," he said.

C. P. W. Schwengers, president of the Chamber of Commerce, in speaking of the result of the poll, spoke of the work the late president of the Chamber, C. T. Cross, had done to bring the Amusement Centre to Victoria. He deeply regretted that Mr. Cross was not here to see the successful conclusion of an effort to which he had devoted so much of his time, and for which he worked so enthusiastically. Mr. Schwengers was not surprised, but highly pleased with the result of the poll.

Alfred Carmichael, president of the Real Estate Board, and the orator for the Amusement Centre during the campaign, doubted if even the most enthusiastic member of the committee had over-rated the advantages which the Crystal Garden would bring to Victoria. "We were sure the electors would realize it, and are delighted with the decided way they expressed their opinion."

Frank Warren, chairman of the Tourist Trade Group of the Chamber of Commerce, hailed the Amusement Centre as an attraction which will hold the tourists in Victoria after they arrive here and cause them to talk of Victoria after they leave. The vote is in a great measure the culmination of the ideals of the group and other bodies working along similar lines in providing a long-felt want in the city. All those who have had any experience with tourists, he said, said that the electors have placed the seal of approval on an outstanding need for Victoria's progress.

Cue Wizard Will Give an Exhibition For Fans To-night

Generally recognized throughout the country as a pocket billiard wizard, R. C. Downes, of Detroit, Mich., has attracted large audiences during the course of his lengthy tour of Canada, the United States, Mexico and Cuba, and he has arrived here to give a performance this evening at the Metropolitan Billiard parlors. His show will start at 8 o'clock and is rated as one of the most unique and interesting in the billiard world.

Downes is traveling by automobile through the country. He has already covered 17,000 miles, having started his journey in June 28, 1923. He has been in Victoria for several days. The performance to-night will be in keeping with all his others, and there will be no admission charge.

Mr. Downes' show always attracts a large attendance.

Mr. Downes ranks with Thos. F. Huston and "Cue" Weston as a celebrated billiard ace.

SARNIA RADIO SIGNALS HEARD IN AUSTRALIA

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 31.—T. W. Sproule, city manager of the Amateur Radio League, has received a letter from Melbourne, Australia, stating radio signals made by him were distinctly heard there.

C.P.R. SKIPPER DECORATED



Captain Robinson has been made Commander of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of the heroic part he played in the Japanese earthquake disaster.

STATEMENTS OF DEAN ON CENTRE SCHEME DENIED

Statements made by John Dean in his doggers protesting against the Amusement Centre By-law reflected on the City Court of Revision. Alderman David Leeming denied the statements. He asserted that some of Mr. Dean's statements were absolutely untrue. At neither of the two meetings held by the Court of Revision in 1923, he said, had the assessment of the Empress Hotel been considered.

FRANCE STRONGER THAN YEAR AGO

That is Opinion of Paris Officials as 1923 Ends

Paris, Dec. 31.—The French Government will begin the New Year with what is regarded in the Foreign Office as a stronger position than a year ago. France has gone forward with her purpose to collect reparations with the co-operation of her allies if possible, but alone if necessary.

The occupation of the Ruhr against the will of the British Government was followed by anxious months, but nothing was done on the part of the British Government or any other Government except Berlin to embarrass the French occupation. The Berlin policy of passive resistance failed, and the year ends with the French Government having made contracts with the German industrial interests for working the Ruhr profitably.

GROWING PRESTIGE

The prestige of France, it is considered, has been immensely increased on the continent by her having been able to pursue her conception of national interests. To co-operate with the Little Entente have been drawn close to France during the year. The re-arming of Poland, of Czechoslovakia and of Yugoslavia was a French policy, and the year ends with the French Government having made contracts with the German industrial interests for working the Ruhr profitably.

BELGIAN POLICY

The relations with Belgium have been subject to some strain, because the Belgian policy toward Germany is not identical with that of France. Belgian interests are regarded as being partly those of Britain, in the need for reparations, and partly those of France, in her attitude towards the collection of damages from Germany.

ITALY AND SPAIN

French diplomacy has been somewhat concerned by the entente between Italy and Spain, as their combined navies disturb the equilibrium of seapower in the Mediterranean. France she would have great difficulty in maintaining her communications with North Africa.

France has been confirmed in her Syrian possessions by the Treaty of Lausanne and the strengthening of her friendly intercourse with the Turkish Government.

TWO QUESTIONS

The French Foreign Office at the beginning of 1924 finds itself in the presence of two questions. First, whether British policy is to remain moderately passive toward French aims in Germany or become actively hostile, and second, the economic and political decomposition in Germany.

J. HUXTABLE ENDED LIFE IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—Julius Huxtable, a 60-year-old man, was found at the home of a friend this morning with a bullet wound in the head. He died in a hospital. A revolver was found by his side.

STRUCK OFF LIST

Prince Rupert, Dec. 31.—In accordance with the ruling of Judge Young regarding the payment of poll and road taxes, the Court of Revision here has struck ninety-four names off the voters' list.

ZERO WEATHER

Spokane, Dec. 31.—Zero temperatures prevailed early to-day over Eastern Washington, with continued cold predicted for today and to-night. Wenatchee reported an official reading of three below zero. It was one above here this morning. Walla Walla reported seven above, Yakima nine above, and Ellensburg reported zero.

COLD AND SNOWY

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 31.—The coldest weather of the winter with snow, prevailed in Nebraska to-day, temperature ranging from twelve below zero at Valentine to three below at Omaha. Rail and automobile transportation to points outside of Omaha were delayed.

DIVERS SEARCH FOR AIRSHIP WRECK

Will Look For Traces of Dixmude Near Sicily

French Commission Named to Investigate Disaster

Paris, Dec. 31.—As soon as the gale off the coast of Sicily abates, the French authorities will institute diving operations around the spot where the body of Lieut. Grenadan was found last week in an effort to determine beyond a doubt whether the airship he commanded, the lost dirigible Dixmude, with her fifty officers and men, went down in that vicinity or if the commander's body alone fell from the airship there.

Except for this search, the Dixmude disaster has entered the realm of de-termination of responsibility and loss of the airship beginning with the appointment of a naval commission of investigation.

On the death of Lieut. Grenadan the question is one of clearing his memory from blame or ruling that he was responsible for the tragedy.

SEARCH CONTINUES

Tunis, Dec. 31.—A squadron of small French war craft, which put into this port for shelter from the storm on the Mediterranean, left to-day to renew the search along the coast of Sicily for bodies of victims of the Dixmude disaster, and for survivors from the dirigible.

TO FRANCE

Palermo, Sicily, Dec. 31.—The body of Lieut. Grenadan, commander of the lost airship Dixmude, was brought to Palermo to-day, accompanied by a guard of honor. It will be sent to France to-morrow. The coffin was covered with a French flag, and will be guarded continuously by detachments of marines, regular troops and militia.

RADIO BROADCASTING

It is a tribute to Radio broadcasting that whenever a Concert of programs of some musical character is sent through the air that the advertised concert suffers in attendance, and people choose to stay near their own firesides and listen-in with their families.

Many people have said: "Does the Radio take people from Church?" and the reply has to be qualified: "Certainly it does not keep them away from church service but most assuredly keeps away from a concert if they know it is to be broadcast, because those with receiving sets know that they will get the program as good as if they were there."

It works both ways: people who have not been attending church for years will listen to a service because interested and perhaps fascinated with the services and many times this is followed by the persistence of the attendance of the listeners-in at church.

Radio is splendidly free to all, and while the motion picture artists, concert artists and dancers are demanding and receiving large salaries, the product of the radio is free to all who will take it. One wonders how long this will last, and what the people on the "giving" end will lose the novelty of sending to those on the "receiving" end and getting no response nor applause, nor money to support the venture.

"Perhaps the 'receiving-end' will finally make it unanimous and support the best broadcasting station and the mediocre ones will go to the wall."

It takes a great deal of imagination on the part of artists and operators to realize that hundreds of thousands of people are in their audience. Usually, the artists face two or three people and a "cold-looking" microphone or "coffee-can" and the operators see only the physical portion of radio, if they have no imagination.

But if they have imagination they realize that thousands upon thousands of people, of every nationality, race and class and sometimes color and no place in the world would be large enough to house the mighty host who are "listening their ears." And they are just as appreciative, perhaps, as the audience present and the artists, although unheard by the artists and operators are none the less uttered and expressed by these untold numbers of listeners.

It takes quite a little more of this thing called imagination now because the radio game is settling down and people simply will not respond, who listen in, perhaps because they have not time or because, more likely, they think everybody else will do so, and the operators and artists have to be thoroughly familiar with the game and be creative in their belief to realize the presence of this big unseen audience.

Perhaps listeners-in will begin to realize that a postcard or letter is not quite so much bother as "dressing up" and taking a journey, and then expending the price of admission.

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MAN WAS SHOT IN THEATRE AND DIED

Victim of Accident on Stage of House in Quebec

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Shot in the head as he was walking back of the scenes on the stage of the Princess Theatre at Farnham, Que., last night, Thomas Trusler, twenty-eight, of Montreal, manager of a "Wild West Revue," was fatally wounded and died at the Farnham hospital at 11:30 o'clock. The accidental shooting came as a climax to the second scene in the show when a comedy shot was being executed by Francis Dorahay, another member of the company.

The theatre was crowded when the shot was fired. There was the sound of a bullet falling. Dorahay went at once to the rear of the stage and found Trusler lying in a pool of blood. It was found the bullet had entered the head behind the right ear.

SIR E. W. HOWARD IS SENT TO U.S.

(Continued from page 1.)

The Westminster Gazette, whose political views are identical with those of The Daily News, takes the opposite position, saying that as the selection of the successor of Ambassador Geddes fell to a "Government awaiting execution, it is right that the Ambassador should be appointed from the ranks of the diplomatic corps rather than from the outside."

That robe the choice of all political significance, continues the paper.

MORE PROMINENT

The Gazette argues that in the future the "United States" has more than in the past, must concern herself with the affairs outside her own borders, and that the business aspect of diplomatic relations consequently will have more prominence.

The Daily Express dwells on the smoothness of the tasks before both Ambassador Kellogg and Ambassador Howard because obliteration of the last seeds of disagreement has made a reality of the friendship to which many decades of lip service have been paid.

ANNOUNCEMENT

London, Dec. 31.—The Foreign Office has issued the following statement respecting the resignation of Sir Auckland Geddes as Ambassador to the United States and the appointment of Sir Esmé W. Howard:

"Sir Auckland Geddes, having been informed by his medical advisers that the state of his eyes will not admit of his immediate resumption of work at Washington, has felt bound to tender his resignation. The following appointments in the diplomatic service have been submitted and have received the approval of His Majesty in consequence:

"The Rt. Hon. Sir Esmé William Howard to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Washington; the Rt. Hon. Sir Horace Rumbold to be His Majesty's Ambassador and Plenipotentiary at Madrid."

It is understood that pending the arrival of the new Ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes will return for a brief visit to Washington to make necessary arrangements for his departure and to say good-bye to his numerous friends.

FORT WILLIAM TO HAVE AN ELECTION

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 31.—Six names were put in nomination for the mayoralty before nominations closed here at 11 a.m. to-day. Mayor N. Edmondson and Aldermen J. E. Crawford, K. Kelso, J. W. Looney, John King and F. Moore are candidates.

PORTLAND, OREGON HAD WINTER STORM

Portland, Or., Dec. 31.—A tight snowfall last night, with a whistling wind, gave Portland a blizzard, but the snowfall ceased before enough had accumulated on the ground to produce drifts. Two inches of snow fell yesterday at Astoria and four inches at Northend, Wash. Sub-zero temperatures prevailed throughout the state, with temperatures ranging from eight above at Baker to thirty-two above zero at Roseburg.

J. S. HERBIN, AUTHOR, DIED AT WOLFVILLE, N.S.

Wolfville, N.S., Dec. 31.—J. S. Herbin, sixty-three, author of several volumes of prose and poetry reflecting the history of Grand Pre and the French Acadians, dropped dead here Saturday.

HALIBUT CATCH

Prince Rupert, Dec. 31.—Twenty-nine million pounds of halibut were landed at this port during the year, with the figures for the month of December incomplete. This total is considerably in excess of the 1922 catch.

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ALBERTA PREMIER GOES TO OTTAWA

To Discuss Transfer of the National Resources to Province

Edmonton, Dec. 31.—Premier Greenfield left Edmonton yesterday for Ottawa, where he will confer next Thursday with Premier King and other members of the Dominion Cabinet regarding the transfer of the national resources to the province. The Alberta Premier is not accompanied by any of the other Cabinet members, and this has given rise to a report locally that he is going East prepared to consider favorably the proposal of the Dominion Government of a year ago, on the general lines of a transfer of the resources as they stand, together with two years cash subsidy. On the previous occasion the Alberta Government had been on a passport lands agreement for railway purposes outside the province.

John T. Sterling, Chief Inspector of Mines of Alberta, went East with the Premier to take up for final arrangement with Hon. Charles Stewart the question of centralized supervision of the mines in the province.

REPORTS TELL OF COLD WEATHER

Drop in Temperature in Pacific Northwestern States

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Lowering temperatures symbolized the waning energies of the dying year throughout the Pacific Northwest early to-day, freezing weather being reported from nearly all points and zero or below from points east of the Cascade Mountains. Yesterday storms along the coast resulted in delayed shipping and in exceptional cases, shifting or damaged cargoes. The Puyallup Sound steamer was torn from her moorings near Seattle and piled on the rocks at Meadow Point, a wreck, while a stiff wind was reported blowing down from Western Canada and Alaska, with further cold weather promised. The forecast for the entire Pacific Northwest was "continued cold," with unsettled weather in Southern Oregon and California.

PREMIER BRUCE VISITED SOLDIERS' GRAVES IN FRANCE

London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable).—Interviewed on his return from France, Premier Bruce of Australia said he had been much impressed by the wonderful restoration accomplished in the war area. He stressed the loving care with which the graves of soldiers were being tended by the Imperial War Graves Commission, whose personnel is representative of all parts of the Empire.

The simple dignity of the cemetery, said Mr. Bruce, was most impressive. Some time must elapse yet before all the headstones can be made, but even where the wooden crosses still stand, he added, the cemeteries are beautifully laid out and planted.

THOMAS MORGAN FUNERAL AT NANAIMO

Nanaimo, Dec. 31.—The funeral of the late Thomas Morgan was held here to-day. Death occurred at the family residence here Saturday as a result of injuries Mr. Morgan received Friday afternoon when he was knocked down by an automobile within a couple of hundred yards of his home. He was seventy-five years of age and had lived here since 1869. In 1889 he was appointed Provincial Inspector of Mines from which position he retired with a pension in 1912. He is survived by his widow, three sons and one daughter.

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CLEVELAND READY FOR CONVENTION

Republican National Gathering to be Held There

Presidential Candidate to be Chosen in New Auditorium

Cleveland, O., Dec. 31.—In Cleveland's new \$4,500,000 Municipal Auditorium, scene of the Republican National Convention of 1924, Ohio political leaders are confident the general facilities are entirely adequate to meet the situation and that the building will be found a worthy background in the naming of the party's presidential nominee.

Hotel accommodations and other space necessary in handling a national convention likewise are declared sufficient, while the various civic organizations and commercial institutions of the city have no doubt about the raising of a huge chest fund to carry on the enterprise. Mayor Fred Kohler offered the use of the auditorium free of charge to either major party's national convention. It was Cleveland's first bid for a national convention of one of the two big parties.

IN DOWNTOWN SECTION

Situated in the heart of the downtown section, the new public hall is said to present all that could be desired for a large convention. It is a part of Cleveland's famous Mall plan of buildings. Occupying a block, its boundaries are St. Clair Avenue on the south, East Sixth Street on the east, Lake-side Avenue on the north and East Third Street on the west. Its main floor, on the street level, unobstructed by a single column, is more than 300 feet long and is 215 feet wide. The place ceiling is ninety feet from the floor. Lincoln G. Dickey, manager of the hall, says comfortable seating facilities can be arranged for 13,000 persons when the main floor, stage and expansive balconies are used.

BIG STAGE

The stage measures sixty by 104 feet, has an opening seventy-three feet wide and is surmounted by an arch forty-two feet, six inches high. The acoustics of the main room, tested repeatedly by scientists and during concerts, have been declared perfect. Every person in the hall is able to hear every word of a speech, whether it be made from the stage or the floor.

Off the stage are scores of rooms, installed as dressing rooms for actors and choruses. These will be available for newspaper correspondents, press associations and committee caucus meetings. If there is an overflow here, the lower floor of the building, as large as the main floor, will be available. Ample facilities can be provided for the army of correspondents and special writers that attend national conventions and telegraph companies can be equipped with any needed amount of room and service.

PROBLEM ARISES IN TASMANIA

Appointment of Native or Man From Britain as Governor is Issue

Special to The Times. Hobart, Tasmania, Dec. 31.—Since the last governor of Tasmania resigned and went to England claiming he could not live on his salary, Tasmania has been without a governor. The Labor Ministry, which recently took office on the collapse through corruption and bribery of the Nationalist Party, decided in favor of a change, and sought to appoint a native-born governor on the principle followed in the Canadian provinces. The Colonial Office objects, however, and there is a deadlock, neither side being willing to give way. A section of the press supports a governor from the Old Country because it claims he is likely to spend more money in the island than a native son.

ENLARGE SPENCER'S PREMISES

Nanaimo, Dec. 31.—Carpenters and workmen are busy enlarging the local stores of David Spencer, Ltd. The premises in the Grand Hotel Block, formerly occupied by Fred Fielder, are being entirely remodelled, and when the alterations are completed these premises will be utilized by the Groceries Department, which is being moved into the quarters where groceries are at present displayed.

The Grand Hotel property has been purchased by the Spencer interests, who intend continuing the use of the rooms which Messrs. Quinn and Fort conducted in connection with their hotel. These rooms will be known as the Spencer Rooms, and will be under the management of Mrs. George Horne. The rooms, some thirty in all, are steam heated and provided with both hot and cold water.

FORD NOT BUYING CANADIAN PLANTS

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Vincent Massey, president of the Massey-Harris Co., and A. E. Mott, general manager of the Cocksfoot Plow Company, Brantford, to-day denied emphatically the report that Henry Ford was negotiating for the purchase of these two Canadian manufacturing organizations.

SAYS DAMAGE SUIT IS RIDICULOUS

Natchez, Miss., Dec. 31.—James Cruze, who directed the film play "The Covered Wagon," declared to-day that the motion picture did not cause any damage to the famous Players-Lasky Corporation as ridiculous. The woman alleged certain scenes libelled the memory of her father.

Mr. Cruze is on location.



Clearance Sale of Blouses

\$5.90, \$7.50, \$9.95

Included in this January Clearance of Blouses are smart tailored and novelty styles in crepe de Chine, silk, fancy crepes, etc., all have been very greatly reduced and this will be an excellent opportunity to purchase a pretty blouse at a big saving. Sale Prices \$5.90, \$7.50 and \$9.95

Soiled Handkerchiefs, 75c Per Dozen

25 Dozen Slightly Soiled Handkerchiefs used in Christmas decorations, greatly reduced to clear. On sale Wednesday at the low price of per dozen \$7.50

Marabou Capes and Stoles to Clear at \$4.25, \$5.00 and \$7.50

Beautiful French Marabou Capes and Stoles in black, brown and taupe, specially reduced for January Sale at \$4.25, \$5.00 and \$7.50

Silk and Wool Scarves Up to \$4.50 for \$2.90

Fancy Silk and Wool Scarves in pretty colorings with deep fringed ends. Formerly priced regular up to \$4.50. Clear Wednesday at \$2.90

Clearance Sale of Aprons at 85c, 90c and \$1.00

January Sale of Colored Aprons in fitted and loose styles, light and dark colors, in neat and novelty designs. Special at 85c, 90c and \$1.00

Children's Wear at Big Reductions

Girls' Cloth Dresses in navy, Saxo and brown, sizes 4 to 12 years, Reg. \$3.50 to \$12.75. Sale Prices \$2.90, \$3.90 and \$5.00. St. Margaret's Kidie Dresses for girls 4 to 8 years, navy, Paddy and brown, Regular \$3.75 to \$6.75. Sale Price \$3.90. Two only, Girls' Waterproof Coats for 8 and 12 years, Regular \$7.75 for \$3.90. Girls' Plush and Felt Hats, formerly priced regular up to \$3.75. Priced to clear at \$1.00, \$1.95, \$2.35, \$2.25 and \$5.75. Four only, Pretty Wool Tuxedo Sweaters for ages 10 to 14 years, Regular \$3.25. Sale Price \$3.90

Girls' Winter Coats at Big Reductions

Women's Chamoulette Gloves, odd lines and broken sizes, white and natural. Greatly reduced to clear at, per pair \$1.49. Italian Lambskin Gloves, good quality black only, all sizes, a splendid bargain at, per pair \$1.50. Fine Cape Kid Gloves in brown and grey, sizes 6 to 8, excellent quality and very special value at, per pair \$1.50. Children's Chamoulette Gloves, white and natural, Kayser make, all sizes, greatly reduced to clear at, per pair \$1.25

Flannelette Nightgowns Reg. \$2.75, for \$1.90

Corsets and Brassieres at Sale Prices

Odd and Discontinued Lines of Corsets, including Nemo, American Lady and Smart Set. Broken sizes, Regular up to \$7.50. January Sale Price \$4.95. Gosard Front Lacing Corsets in all the wanted sizes. Specially priced to clear at, per pair \$2.49. Nemo and Nature's Rival Brassieres—odd lines. Formerly priced regular at \$1.90 and \$1.75. Sale Price \$1.49. Pink and White Bandeau Brassieres, sizes 32 to 42. Back fastening styles. Specially priced for January Sale at \$3.95. Pink Bandeau Brassieres, back and front fastening, sizes 34 to 42. Special for January Clearance Sale at \$5.95

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Holeproof Silk Hose Sale Price, \$1.65 Pair

Penman's All-wool Cashmere Hose at 69c Pair

Penman's All-wool Black Cashmere Hose, excellent quality and perfect fitting. Sale Price, per pair 69c

Venus Silk Hose Sale Price, \$1.79 Pair

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Women's High Grade English Wool Sports Hose in plain and ribbed effects, in the wanted colors. Regular up to \$2.75 per pair. To clear at, per pair \$1.89

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Clearing Odd Lines of Kayser Italian Silk Hose, in white, silver, navy and brown. Regular \$2.49. Sale Price \$2.49

Bargains in the Knit Underwear Section

Zenith Drawers for Women, knee and ankle length, closed style, sizes 36 and 38. Regular to \$1.75. Sale Price \$1.75. Women's Vests, Zenith Brand, short and long sleeves, sizes 36 and 38. Regular \$1.75. Sale Price \$1.75. Zenith Combinations for women, ankle and knee length, sizes 36 and 38. Regular \$4.50 per suit. Sale Price \$2.95. Veiva Combinations, V-neck, ankle length, all sizes, good quality, to clear at, per suit \$1.95. Women's Swiss Little Vests, plain and fancy tops, sizes 36 and 38. Regular to \$2.25. Priced to clear at \$1.95. Children's Fleece Lined Sleeping Suits, large sizes only. Priced for a quick clearance at HALF PRICE. Odd lines of Children's Combinations, all sizes, ankle length. Watson's make. Regular up to \$4.00 per suit. Sale Price \$1.95. Children's Zenith Drawers, ankle length, sizes 2 to 8, values to \$1.50. Sale Price, per pair \$1.75. Odd Lines of Watson's Children's Vests, high neck, with long or short sleeves, all sizes. Regular to \$1.75. Sale Price \$1.75. All Lines of Knitted Wool Underwear, including Jaeger not specially priced, will be on sale at 10 Per Cent. Reduction.



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Just at the time of the year when women are eager for new costume changes comes this timely apparel opportunity—a selling of every Winter Garment in our stocks—Dresses, Coats, Suits, Skirts, etc. Attend this great January Clearance Sale in the Garment Section. There are many remarkable values available.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The officer commanding 11th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade, No. 1, Company, extends to all ranks his best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

The closing session of the 1923 Council of Esquimalt will be held in the Municipal Hall in that municipality at 7 p.m. to-day. The usual hour of meeting was advanced to release councillors in time to take part in the New Year's Eve festivities.

The St. Martin's Sunday School held their annual Christmas supper and social on Thursday evening. A very enjoyable time was spent in games, songs and recitations, which was terminated by the giving out of the prizes by the Rev. H. Pearson. Special thanks are given to those ladies who gave assistance and donations, and also to Shelly's Bakery.

Victoria psychologists and psychoanalysts and members of the Society of Applied Psychology, will meet for a special New Year's Eve session at 8 o'clock to-night in 400 Campbell Building, to hear their president, Prof. R. S. Baker, deal with the "Healing Methods of Jesus" and give a review of Papian's "Life of Christ," which he declared to-day to be the "most sensational book of the year."

Stoking up to overcome the chill of the northeast wind led to four runs by the city's fire department yesterday. The damage all told scarcely amounted to \$400. Fires in rooms at 1630 Pinewood Avenue and 809 Cormorant Street, led to slight blazes which were easily quelled. Chimney fires at 1094 McClure Street and in the 600 block on Fisgard Street gave the engines two more runs, but without material damage.

Der Toy was sentenced to one month's imprisonment in the city police court this morning for stealing the coat of his distant cousin, Der Kue. The coat, said Constable Cremer, who found it, was sold in the basement to a second-hand store for the sum of \$1. The dealer charged it onto "interest" on the loan. The accused admitted the theft and left to commence his term summoning choice phrases in his native tongue in farewell to his accuser.

The holiday season led to remands being granted in the city police court to-day in several hearings. The Loyal Club, charged with illegal beer sale, will stand trial on Friday, when Henry C. Hall will appear to enter a defence. The accused, explained counsel, was not driving, but her son was at the wheel. Speeding and failure to return to the scene of an accident are alleged by the Crown.

Victoria Elks and their friends will celebrate the passing of the old year and ring in the new by a carnival to be staged at their club quarters, Weller Block, at 9 o'clock this evening. Hunt's orchestra will be in attendance with a special programme for the occasion. Refreshments will be served. Those who may be had by application to Brother William Neild. The committee in charge of the carnival follows: Bro. Alfred Wright, chairman; Bro. Alex. Neild, Bro. Fred. Neild, Bro. Harry Howard, Bro. Petch, Darrel Spence, Frank Sommer, Harry Reid, Jack Gillis, Jimmy Stewart, Herbert Collins, Gus Meacham and Gus Brown.

The dance given at the Nurses' Home of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital on Friday was as enjoyable an affair as it is the invariable rule with these clever organizers. The rooms were gay with Christmas greenery and beryles, and Wade's orchestra supplied most excellent music. A buffet supper was served during the evening, and all arrangements were in the hands of the Misses Edwards, Purdy, Garisch, Gregory Allen, Clothier and Murray. Among the guests present were: Dr. Bryant, Dr. Book, Dr. Hay, Dr. Warren, Dr. McCullum, Dr. Miller, Messrs. Hodge, Money, Parker, Allen, Gravin, McBride, McKay, Evans, Conyers, C. Wallis, Cummings, Burr, Docker, Lloyd, Stinson, Ross, Fulton, Miles, Sherratt, Brown, Ward, Restall, Germaine, Glimmer, Ken Adams, Riddell, Carley and many others.

NEW MISSION QUARTERS

The Four Square Gospel Mission have moved from the old Baptist Tabernacle, Chester Street, to a new hall in the Sweeney-McConnell block on Langley Street. They are holding a watch night service this evening, commencing at 8 p.m. Songs, duets and choruses will be sung during the evening. Strangers are cordially invited to spend the evening in the new quarters.

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Steady Progress is Made at Public Library

Twenty Thousand Membership

The City Public Library, according to the Librarian, Miss Helen Stewart, gradually "getting over the cramping effects of the war years, and hopes to be ready for the wave of prosperity which we trust will commence with the New Year."

The attendance in the reading room has been good, the moving of the reference room upstairs and combining it with the magazine room seems to have been a success, she thinks, practically all criticisms on the change have been favorable except those from the chess and checker players.

This alteration has also made more room downstairs, and the congestion of last year in the stacks has completely disappeared.

There has been a net gain in the number of volumes in the library, there being 46,748 at the beginning of the year, and 41,588 have been added, while 3,362 have been discarded, making a total of 47,444 books now in the library.

About 200,000 books have been circulated, of which 35,000 were juvenile issues. There has been an increase in use of books on Fine Arts, especially on music.

Cancellations of membership have been rather heavy owing to the exodus to the South. These are now 33,238, made up of 19,472 in the city, 1,724 in the adjacent municipalities, and forty-two held by non-residents.

ASKS OTTAWA TO AID PROTECTION OF B.C. FORESTS

Pattullo Urging Federal Government to Assist Province's Efforts

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, will leave for Ottawa tomorrow afternoon to attend a conference should assist us in protecting our forest resources. He will be accompanied by Mr. J. A. Buckham, Liberal whip in the legislature, came down to Victoria to-day from Golden in the Rockies where he was with the Canadian Forestry Commission. He found the thermometer stood here he told friends at the Parliament Buildings that he wished he would go home to get warm.

Backham Will go Home to Rockies to Get Warm Again

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NEW SALES TAX LICENSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

New sales tax licenses for 1924 are obtainable now. It was announced at the Department of Customs here to-day. The 1923 licenses have to be cancelled and the new ones issued immediately. Entries for excise should be tendered in triplicate with payment of the tax, it was stated. One copy of the return will be retained by the licensee as a receipt.

GROWTH OF TELEGRAPH BUSINESS IS RELATED

The story of the growth of the telegraph business and how the use of wire enabled men to save time and make money, was told to the Gyro Club by J. A. Buckham, manager of the Western Union telegraph office.

In 1844 the first telegraph line was opened. It connected the cities of Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Md., a distance of forty miles. To-day, Mr. Buckham said, there are two and one-half million miles of telegraph wire and 100,000 people are employed in the operation of them. There are eleven transatlantic cables, two transpacific cables and the introduction of the night-lettergram has grown until now 100,000 of these messages are flashed about the continent every night.

The Gyro orchestra furnished the music and Christmas presents were given to the Gyros who were absent last week.

SERVICE CANCELLED

The usual watchnight service and holy communion at Christ Church Cathedral has been cancelled for this evening.

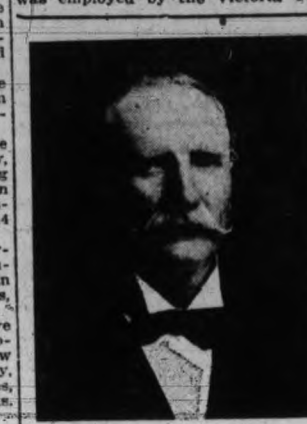
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The Friendly Help Association most gratefully acknowledges two anonymous gifts of \$25 and \$10 respectively.

POPULAR MASTER SPEN 40 YEARS IN THE TUG BUSINESS

Active Career Came to an End When Tye Foundered in Pedder Bay

Captain J. Anderson, drowned on Christmas Eve when the tug Tye foundered at Pedder Bay, was for years a resident of Victoria and prominent in the tug boat business of this city. He first shipped for a season on a sealer in the Bering Sea and on his return to Victoria worked for the C.P.R. for a number of years. He was then employed by Robert Ward on his tug boats. His first command, however, was on the tug Constance and was the first to take out the tug Tye. After this he was employed by the Victoria Tug



CAPTAIN J. ANDERSON

Boat Company for a number of years and then transferred to the Producer's Rock and Gravel Company. He also worked for Captain Redfern and for the past year was in command of the tug Redfern, of which he was captain at the time of the disaster. The Redfern had been placed in drydock for repairs and he had taken the command of the Tye to oblige a friend.

He was a popular captain and had created many friends along the waterfront. Many will mourn his loss. Captain Anderson is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons. His two sons, Ernest and Frank, both live at home. One granddaughter, Beatrice Anderson, mourns his loss.

LADIES' LIBERAL CLUB

Assisted by members of Ward Two Liberal Association the Ladies' Liberal Club held a most successful social function at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance, who fully enjoyed themselves. The tombola prizes were won as follows: First, Charles F. Evans, second, P. H. Blashfield, and third, Mrs. Wilson. The next gathering will be held in association with Ward Three.

EVENTS TO COME

An address on the Church of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Christmas message, illustrated by over seventy-five lantern slides depicting Jerusalem, Rome and St. Peter's, will be given at St. John's Church schoolroom on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Under the auspices of the District W.C.T.U. a prayer meeting will be held in the schoolroom of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Thursday, Jan. 2, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

St. John's Anglican Church will hold two and a half hour services on Monday and Tuesday at 8 and 10 o'clock respectively.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. S. Gore is at present visiting in San Diego, and is registered at St. James Hotel.

The New Year's Eve ball at the Caddo Bay Yacht Club this evening promises to be a highly successful and popular function. Some up-to-date surprises are arranged for the evening, and the 1924 will be greeted with the true carnival spirit. The venue is especially attractive, and no detail has been forgotten that could contribute to the enjoyment of the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bevil Acland, of Duncan, are visitors in the city for a few days.

Mr. F. A. Parker, who has been in charge of the Victoria Mining Co., has returned to this city.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Ogilvie (nee Mary Levy, of this city) are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby son on December 28 at Lake Lenore, Saskatchewan.

The many friends of Mrs. P. A. Babington, of 1135 McClure Street, will regret to hear that she is seriously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital.

F. Schartel, of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and John Schiller, of Pangman, Sask., are among the prairie visitors who arrived in Victoria to-day.

Prairie visitors reaching Victoria in the last few days are Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Atkinson, of Vera, Saskatchewan, who are staying at 516 Michigan Street; J. G. Cleghorn, of Moosemin, Sask.; E. B. Wells, of Macklin, Sask., and C. E. Jones, of Rosetown, Sask.

P. N. Anderson, of Napinka, Man.; E. L. Jones, of Edmonton; H. W. Fairbanks, of Spokane, and A. E. McConkie are among the visitors registered at the publicity bureau.

Mrs. J. H. King, wife of the Hon. Dr. King, Minister of Public Works, entertained at bridge recently in honor of her niece, Miss Vera King, of Chipman, New Brunswick, who was her house guest.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Adamson, of this city, have arrived in Forfar, Scotland, to spend the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil French have returned from spending Christmas at the Hotel Davonport, Spokane. They are accompanied to the Empress Hotel by Major D. French, of London.

MURDERED CHINESE WAS ALIVE FRIDAY NIGHT, POLICE HEAR

Pang Joe Lin Seen to be Cutting Firewood at 6 p.m., December 21

Police Find Cuts in Ceiling, Telling of Desperate Fight in Low Room

Pang Joe Lin, murdered Chinese gardener, of Colwood, was alive at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 21, the Provincial Police discovered to-day when John McKay, Happy Valley, told of seeing the aged man chopping kindling at his home by the dim light of a lamp shining from within the shack. Mr. McKay, employed as planer man in a Victoria mill, said this was his cycling home along the Island Highway near the Colwood Hotel. The shack of the murdered man stands within sixty feet of the highway. It was while riding past that Mr. McKay heard the noise of wood splitting and looked over to see what it was. He saw "Charlie the Gardener," cutting kindling just outside the door of the premises.

This fact is of importance to the police as it proves that the oil lamp at the premises had been lit and was in use at the time the crime took place. Later it was found outside the shack, as if it had been purposely carried there by the murderer.

In the rafters of the five foot ceiling, just over the spot where the death struggle took place, the police have found the marks of the cleaver used at one stage by either the murderer or his victim. The wood is cut where the sharp instrument bit deeply into its surface.

OBITUARY

Service was held at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the late Mrs. Annie Robinson. The Rev. P. A. Chadwick, M.A., of St. John's Church officiated. The hymn sung was "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." There were many friends present and many beautiful floral tributes covered the casket. The remains were lowered on the midnight boat to Vancouver en route to Mayne Island where interment will be made in the family plot. Mrs. (Captain) Hunter accompanied the remains.

The remains of the late Mrs. Mabel Joseph were laid to rest this morning. The cortege proceeded from the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, to St. Joseph's Church where mass was said by the Rev. Father John F. Silver at 9 o'clock. The pallbearers were all relatives of the late Mrs. Joseph.

The funeral of the late John Albert Pauline took place Saturday afternoon at the B.C. Funeral Chapel, where service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Pitt in the presence of many friends. The hymn sung was "On the Resurrection Morning." The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: E. Williams, R. Johnston, Stewart, H. W. Pauline, W. Richardson and C. E. Gardiner. Interment was made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Herbert George Evans was held on Saturday afternoon, the cortege leaving the B.C. Funeral Chapel at 2 o'clock for St. Barnabas Anglican Church, where service was conducted by the Rev. N. E. Smith, at 2:30 o'clock. A number of friends attended, and musical societies and organizations of the city were represented. The pallbearers were: R. H. Gordon, A. Gore, the Ladies Musical Club; F. J. Sehl, Arion Male Voice Club; G. W. Dea-ville, Centennial Methodist Church, and Dr. Lewis Hall and J. G. Brown. The remains were laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. May Quinton Monk, who passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital last Tuesday, took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at one o'clock, and at two o'clock services were conducted at Holy Trinity Church, Patricia Bay, by Rev. T. M. Hughes, of North Saanich, assisted by Rev. A. W. Collins, of Salt Spring Island. The service was largely attended by relatives and friends, and the many beautiful flowers testified to the high esteem in which the late Mrs. Monk was held. The hymn sung was "Nearer, My God, to Thee," by W. F. Pollok. McDonald, T. H. Simpson, H. Ruckle, H. Barnes and L. Layrite acted as pallbearers, and interment was made in Patricia Bay Cemetery.

The death took place yesterday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Levy, of 1022 Balmoral Road, of Henry Augustus Prior, aged eighty-five years; born in Surrey, England, and a resident of this city for the past twenty years. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Levy, and two sons, W. J. and Thomas Prior, of this city. The funeral will take place on Wednesday, January 2, at 3:30 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Rev. William Stevenson will officiate, and interment will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

BUILDINGS WORTH \$100,000

Prince Rupert, Dec. 31.—The value of building in this city during 1923 approximated \$100,000.

DE LUXE DRUG TRAFFICKER SEIZED

One of the smoothest drug operators caught around here for some time was taken as a result of the quick eye of Inspector Norris, of the Dominion Customs Narcotic Squad, at the Outer Wharf.

Norris was looking around the Japanese store when he was struck by the expensive goods on display. He saw a man who had a silk muffler, the latest in hat and tie, and smart, fashion-plate cut over a well-proportioned body.

As Inspector Norris was admiring him, this Japanese leaned over to pick up

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something. As he did the flap of his coat pocket, which was loaded to the top with oranges, stood up. But before he straightened up the inspector got just one glimpse of something very shiny, which was exposed underneath the orange when they moved.

The Japanese was seized and investigated. The something bright turned out to be a dope hypodermic needle of luxe and equipment finished in expensive style, apparently for use by the police. The stylish young Japanese spent the night behind the bars of the Dominion Immigration Building.

CRIMINALS BURNED \$100,000 SCHOOL

Fireman Probably Fatally Injured in Oakland, Cal. Nine Other Fire Fighters Hurt During the Blaze

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 31.—Ten firemen were injured, one perhaps fatally, in a fire of supposedly incendiary origin which destroyed the Cole Grammar School here to-day with a loss estimated at \$100,000. It was the second school fire of possible criminal origin in Alameda County in a week's time.

William Thrasher is the seriously injured fireman. He and a number of his companions were caught beneath a falling wall. Two men were badly injured.

STORM TAKES LIFE OF ROBBERY SUSPECT

Two Men Committed For Trial For Galiano Island Hold-up

Victor Dibley and Fred Kelly, charged by the Provincial Police as being the survivors of a gang of three men who held up the store of Charles Gregert on Galiano Island on November 29 last, have been committed for trial by higher court.

The third man, alleged by the police to have been in the band, is presumed to have lost his life. Dibley and Kelly, his alleged companions, were eighteen hours battling with the waves before their boat was wrecked and they were saved by Japanese fishermen at the mouth of the Fraser River.

The storm that wrecked their craft held up officers of the Provincial Police who were already on the trail. Provincial Officers Owens, McPhail, and Rogers worked the case up from the Victoria end with assistance from Vancouver and Nanaimo Provincial forces.

At the trial, held in Vancouver recently, Charles Gregert identified the wrecked boat as the man from whose faces he tore masks during the robbery. Mrs. Helen Wilson, housekeeper to Gregert, identified Kelly, who had stood guard over her with a drawn gun while the light from the kitchen fire illumined his features, she said. The robbers, said the complainant, had put out the lamp and then sacked the place thoroughly by the light of electric torches.

In the get-away the storm overtook their boat. It was stated, and the wreck followed. The third man described by Gregert has not been found, and it is now believed he was drowned. In his pockets were the money, said to have been taken by the trio from the Gregert store.

TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S

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Prime Ribs of Beef, per lb.	20c	Shoulder Roasts of Pork, per lb.	15c
Rolls Sirloin Roasts, lb.	25c	Loin Pork Roasts, per lb.	28c
Nice Small Veal Roasts, per lb.	23c	Pork Butts, per lb.	20c
Local Boiling Fowls, lb.	30c	Loin Veal Chops, per lb.	35c

FRESH CHOPPED SUET , per lb.	18c	Pure Pork Sausages , per lb.	27c
Oxford Sausages, 2 lbs. for	25c	Weinies, ready cooked, per lb.	25c
Little Pork Sausages, per lb.	30c		
FRESH MADE PURE PORK SAUSAGE MEAT , just the thing for stuffing the turkey. Per lb.	25c		

Prime English Stilton Cheese, per lb.	90c	Smoked Cottage Rolls, lb.	23c
Swiss Knight Cheese, box 70c		Sweet Pickled Cottage Rolls, per lb.	21c
Mixed Cured Ham, whole or half, per lb.	30c	Peameal Back Bacon, lb.	35c

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Or 3 lbs. for	\$1.30	Or 3 lbs. for	\$1.25

Cluster Muscat Raisins , 2 lbs. for	35c	Fancy Lemons , doz.	25c
Fresh Cranberries , lb.	25c	Fancy Jonathan Apples , per box	\$1.95
Sweet Navel Oranges , doz.	50c, 40c, 25c and 15c	Fresh Roasted Peanuts , per lb.	15c

NICE JAP ORANGES , Per box	38c
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Chocolate Marshmallows , reg. 50c lb. for	38c	Almond Paste , ready for cake, reg. 50c lb. for	60c
Extra Good Mixed Candy , lb.	25c	Fruit Cake , very rich, reg. 40c lb. for	33c
Bull-Rushes , 3 for	10c	Cowan's Sweet Chocolate , reg. 25c bar, for	19c

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Arin Chair Corn , 2 large cans 25c	Fry's Cocoa , tin	23c

RECEPTION MINCEMEAT , Per lb.	20c
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Reindeer Condensed Cocos , reg. 20c, for	15c	Borden's Malted Milk , reg. 50c size for	38c
Finest Spaghetti , 3 lbs.	24c	Oxo Cordial , reg. 60c jar for	35c

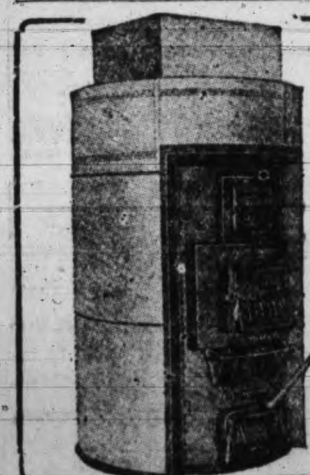
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White Star Baking Soda , 1-lb. pkg.	9c	Elite Tea , reg. \$1.50 lb. for	\$1.28

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Royal Engagement Denied by Dr. Green

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Local examinations will be held in this city for the various diplomas and certificates awarded by the Trinity College of Music, London, England, the oldest examining body in the world of music.

A strong local committee has been appointed by the college with Madame Kate Webb, as local secretary, and arrangements will be at once proceeded with to enable Victoria teachers and students to sit for the theoretical and practical examinations of 1924.

The college confers the degrees of associate (A.T.C.), licentiate (L.T.C.L.) and fellowship (F.T.C.L.), which qualifications are recognized anywhere in the world as among the highest attainable in the profession. In addition to these, examinations are held in the following grades: First steps, preparatory, junior, intermediate, senior and higher local prizes being offered to those students who head the list in their respective centres. About \$1,700 every year is devoted to scholarships, open to British subjects in any part of the world.

Trinity College has to-day about 600 local centres in the British Isles, the Dominions and foreign countries, the number of students examined annually is about 50,000 and is constantly increasing. The college is a school of the University of London, and the King Edward Professorship of Music was established at this University by Trinity College. The committee appointed by the college to promote such interests here consists of the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Eleanor Barfoot, A.H.T.C.L., L.R.A.M., chairman; Miss F. Archbutt, Poplar School; Mrs. J. H. Boulton, Cranleigh House; Mrs. L. W. Cockett, M.I.S.M.; Miss N. E. Mylam, M.B.C.P.E.; Miss Gladys Shragg, gold medalist, Brussels Conservatoire; Major A. E. Hopkins; Mr. C. V. Hilton, Cranleigh House School; local secretary, Madame Kate Webb.

Familiar Marches and New Pieces Played by Sousa

Perhaps there is no better-known band throughout the world than Sousa's. His first appointment was in 1880, when he became bandmaster of the United States Marine Corps, and twelve years later he organized a band of his own—his thirty-doyen of bandmasters before the public. During this period the name of Sousa and his marches which have won for him the title of "March King" have become household words. Saturday night he and his band visited the Capital City, and gave an afternoon and evening performance at the Royal Victoria. The programme consisted chiefly of works from the bandmaster's own pen, the chief of which were "Leaves From My Notebook" and "The Fantasie." "Merrie, Merrie Chorus," the latter finding particular favor at the hands of his auditors, and in reply to their insistent requests in additional numbers to these and others, did Sousa, experienced, always alert, and extremely generous, give many of his own characteristic marches, viz.: "The Dauntless Battalion" (new), "Stars and Stripes Forever," the amusing "Gallagher and Shean," "Turkish Towel," by the eight saxophone players of the band, the "Canadian Patrol," which met with enthusiastic spontaneity and delight, the "Field Artillery March" (Sousa), and "March of the Wooden Soldiers," all of which were spiritedly played by his splendidly balanced organization of talented musicians. On the same programme the soloists were: Miss Nora Faushald, mezzo soprano, who sang most artistically the air, "Divine, je Timpore" (Night All Too Blessed), from "Romeo and Juliet" (Gounod), following which she had to augment the further numbers, giving in good style "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" (Billard), and "Dixie Land."

Miss Winifred Hambrick, the harpist, gave much enjoyment in her solo, "Fantasia Oberon" (Weber-Alvarez), replying to the enthusiastic request with the old Irish melody, "Believe Me 'An' These Entertaining Chimes," flautist, Meredith Wilson, with admirable tone and execution rendered and he, too, had to reply with another number playing a delightful "Allegretto" by Gourd.

Mr. Noel Bagshawe, who has been spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. B. Bagshawe, Richardson Street, left yesterday for Vancouver, on his return to Los Angeles. Mrs. Cyril Beaton and small daughter, who were also the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bagshawe, have returned to their home in Vancouver.

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Evening Wear Demands Faultlessly Laundered

A smart turn-out for the more formal function rests largely on the accessories of dress.

The sombre black of the dress coat is merely the frame, and serves to accentuate the dress shirt, the white pique vest, the wing collar, the white tie.

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WOMAN'S DOMAIN

Miss Lena Cotsworth is spending a short holiday revisiting her old friends in Victoria.

Mr. P. T. Skrimshaw, of Quamichan Lake, was a visitor in Victoria during the latter part of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Adams, of New Westminster, are spending their honeymoon here. Mrs. Adams was Miss Annie Williams, of that city.

Colonel F. M. Rolston, of Vancouver, who was a guest in Victoria for a few days last week, has returned to his home on the mainland.

Mr. Walter Buege, of C. S. Reporter, returned yesterday from spending the Christmas season in Chelalis, Washington, where he was the guest of his parents.

Mrs. Cresswell and Mr. Reginald Cresswell, of Deep Cove, returned yesterday from Seattle, where they have been visitors for the past few days.

Mr. Raymond Fisher, field agronomist for the Provincial Department of Agriculture, spent Christmas in Prince Rupert on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fisher.

Owing to the First Tuesday in the month being New Year's Day, the Friendly Help Association has postponed the regular monthly meeting until the second Tuesday, January 8. Mrs. Clarence Agnew and her daughter, who have been the house guests of Miss Agnew, Schumacher, Rockland Avenue, have spent two weeks, will return after the New Year to their home in Seattle.

The buyers in connection with the Hudson's Bay Company have presented to Mr. H. T. Lockyer, zone manager for British Columbia of the company's stores, a handsome cigarette and cigar case in recognition of their esteem.

Miss Myrtle E. Bowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bowden, of 2312 Mark Street, left on Thursday last on the S.S. Dorothy Alexander for San Francisco to complete her training at the St. Francis Hospital, San Francisco.

The Misses Myrtle Moore and Frieda Fisher, of Victoria, left on Saturday night for Vancouver, where they will spend the New Year with their mother and sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beales (nee Nelto McVie) left Victoria for their home in Blakesburg, Coalmont, B.C. after spending a very enjoyable Christmas with Mrs. Beales's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McVie, 405 Michigan Street, James Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lort, after spending the Christmas season in Victoria as the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. M. Rolston, Menzies Street, have returned to their home in Vancouver.

Mr. Justice Morrison of the Supreme Court and his daughter, Miss Louise Morrison, have been guests at the Empress for several days, left on Saturday night's boat for their home in Vancouver. While in the city they enjoyed several games of golf on the Oak Bay links.

On Friday evening a number of the young friends of Miss Dorcas Drummond-Hay, held a surprise party at her home on the Gorge Road to celebrate her birthday. A very jolly evening was spent in dancing.

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YOUR HOME AND YOU

By HELEN KENDALL

The First Year

The bride and groom of a year ago sat alone before the fire on their first New Year's Eve together. Their own dancing flames, their own wedding-gift clock, their own holiday candles. They sat very close together and waited with undrawn breath in silence, watching the first year out. Then the silver chime of the clock spoke.

"We live o'clock!" they said together.

"It's 1924," said the bridegroom. "I'm going to miss '23," sighed the bride. "I loved it."

"In spite of that quarrel?" questioned the groom anxiously.

"Forgotten," asserted the bride. "But oh, Ned, can you ever forget the

time I gave away your old adored hunting pants to a tramp?"

The groom winced, but promptly looked at his bride.

"How about the time I brought Col. Inverness home to dinner without letting you know?" he asked.

It was the bride's turn to wince now. "That dinner!" Then she giggled.

"And all I had was two chops, a half portion of cold peas, and a blinding headache," she added.

"We'll change all that in 1924," declared the groom solemnly. "We'll profit by all our mistakes and promise never to do 'em again."

"But we will do them all again," declared the bride, sitting up very straight. "We'll do just the same things as these and more, too. We're only human. We'll do them all through our lives. But when we do, let's pray hard to our household gods for their help."

"Our household gods?" the groom wondered, slowly. "What are they?"

"They are Humor and Tolerance," smiled the bride.

Mrs. C. Beale, of Chicago, who has been in California for the past few years, is now the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt, 2318 Fowl Bay Road.

Admirer, in Victoria, of the great English novelist, Charles Dickens, will be interested to learn that on December 18th, a remembrance of him was given in Victoria by officers of H.M.S. Zealous, then in port here, in which Sidney Dickens, son of the great "Dickens," took leading part. Young Dickens was then twenty-one years old, and says Felix Penn, who tells the story, "certainly inherited his father's staid and serious bearing, and the Victoria papers of 1885, for their notices—gave his work high praise."

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Emmanuel Baptist Sunday School was a great success. A Cantata entitled "He Cometh" was rendered by the children under the leadership of Fredrick Parfitt, and in addition several class items were given, including recitations, drills and dialogues. The primary exercises were particularly fine and showed careful training on the part of the teachers, namely: Misses V. Parfitt, D. Wailes and L. McLaughlin. Owen-Petticrew, one of the scholars, rendered a cornet solo. The Sunday School orchestra was also in attendance and played two selections previous to the entertainment a banquet was provided for the children under the direction of Mrs. D. L. MacLaurin and the Ladies' Aid Society.

Saturday's tea dance at the Empress Hotel was well attended. A number of Christmas visitors in the city took part in the dancing or to look on. The popular function—and many came in at the close of the Sousa matinee to join in the dancing or to look on. The popular function—and many came in at the close of the Sousa matinee to join in the dancing or to look on.

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Delightful in every respect were the arrangements for the musicale held on Saturday afternoon, through the hospitality of Miss Agnew, at Schumacher, Rockland Avenue. A fine programme had been arranged by the Ladies Musical Club, and the well-chosen items including three piano-forte solos by Mrs. Hornefeld, a gifted artist hitherto not heard here, who gave two Debussy arabesques and Grieg's "Water Lily." Mrs. Ina Tait, a proven singer of Miss Agnew, at Smith, gave two vocal solos, and Mrs. W. H. Wilson contributed a charming song by Landon Ronald. Mrs. Senkler's Chopin Polonaise was much appreciated, and the "cello solo" which Mr. Willie Balagno opened the programme, was very sympathetically rendered. Miss Ethel Bale re-acted "Lascia" with much dramatic feeling. Mrs. Walsh Nasmith, and Miss Laddie Watkins, at the piano, added to the enjoyment of the various items they accompanied. After the tea was served at the close of the programme in the dining-room where a charming decorative scheme was much admired. A large basket of poinsettias and ferns centred the room, and under a scarlet-shaded light, Christmas bells were hung at intervals round the lampshade, and scarlet candles in silver holders, the effective scheme. Mrs. S. MacLure and Mrs. Gideon Hicks presided at the urns, and selections on a Knabe Ampico Grand piano, kindly loaned by Willie Pinnock, added to the enjoyment during tea. Miss Agnew was assisted in receiving her guests by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clarence Agnew, and Mr. Hopkins gave valuable services in connection with the musical programme.

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OCEAN AND COASTWISE SHIPPING

WAGE INCREASE IS GIVEN WATERFRONT MEN IN SEATTLE

Seattle, Dec. 31.—Waterfront employees here will receive a wage increase of from ten to fifteen cents an hour on overtime beginning to-day, according to an announcement. The new schedule has been recommended by Colonel George B. Lampling, of the Port Commission.

The steamship Drottningholm, of the Swedish American Line, negotiated a voyage from New York to Gothenburg in eight days and eighteen hours, the fastest eastbound time on the Atlantic Ocean, according to advices received here yesterday by Brattstrom & Co., local agents of the line.

The steamship Cordova, of the Alaska Steamship Company, arrived here Saturday night with the disabled steamer Starr, which she towed here from Kodiak Island and the Alaska Peninsula. After repairs here she will resume her service between Alaska ports.

Plans for the initial units of the \$4,000,000 terminals the Pacific Steamship Company plans to construct here were filed yesterday with city officials for inspection by the steamship company. The plans cover the first of three piers to be constructed and a freight shed which will be more than 1,000 feet long and 100 feet in width.

C.N.R. Cutoff is Open For Traffic

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The Long Lake cutoff, the new connecting link between the Southern and Northern transcontinental routes of the Canadian National Railways between Toronto and Winnipeg, has been completed and operation of passenger trains will commence on January 5. A saving in time of five hours and five minutes will be made between Winnipeg and Toronto.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
1	7:49	4:29
2	7:50	4:28
3	7:51	4:27
4	7:52	4:26
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8	7:56	4:22
9	7:57	4:21
10	7:58	4:20
11	7:59	4:19
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13	8:01	4:17
14	8:02	4:16
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18	8:06	4:12
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26	8:14	4:04
27	8:15	4:03
28	8:16	4:02
29	8:17	4:01
30	8:18	4:00
31	8:19	3:59

INCREASE IN SHIPPING FIGURES ENCOURAGING

Export Figures More Than Double Those of Last Year, Shipping Report Shows; Many Vessels Here in 1923

Increased demand for Japanese squares, following the Yokohama disaster, and the boom in the export lumber business of Vancouver Island is the cause of the big increase in outward tonnage from Victoria as shown in the Customs report for 1923. Cargo going out of this port more than doubled the figures of last year. Altogether 70,882 tons of cargo went out from Victoria in 1923, while the figure for 1922 was only 34,082 tons, which is an increase of 36,800 tons.

ENCOURAGING YEAR

A general increase is shown all round in the shipping figures issued this morning. The import figures show an increase of 25,553 tons. This year 55,946 tons of cargo were brought into this port from foreign countries while last year the figure was only 25,393 tons. The number of vessels coming to Victoria in many instances show an increase.

That this period of increased prosperity will continue during the year 1924 is contained in the report from mills that orders are coming in fast for large consignments of Japanese lumber. California ports are still keeping up their demand for Vancouver Island lumber. Although there has been a slight dropping off in Australia's demand for building material there is every indication of increased orders from this section of the globe during the Spring. The United Kingdom's still taking large consignments while the Atlantic seaboard promises to be an even better customer than it was during 1923.

LUMBER EXPORTS

As Victoria's chief export is lumber, a period of prosperity is predicted in the very near future by lumbermen, especially if the establishment of the lumber assembly plant at Ogden Point is realized. Up-Island lumber will then be shipped out of Victoria. This will mean increased employment not only along Victoria's waterfront but also at the mills.

EXPORT FIGURES

A comparison of the figures between 1923 and 1922 follows: The 1923 figures are: Ships inward, 2,882; tonnage 2,143,232; ships outward, 2,882; tonnage 2,143,232. Last year's figures were: Inward, 2,538; tonnage 1,940,700; ships outward, 2,538; tonnage 1,940,700. Last year's figures were: Inward, 2,538; tonnage 1,940,700; ships outward, 2,538; tonnage 1,940,700. Last year's figures were: Inward, 2,538; tonnage 1,940,700; ships outward, 2,538; tonnage 1,940,700.

TO APPEAR BEFORE JURY

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PRESIDENT JACKSON ARRIVED YESTERDAY FROM THE FAR EAST

Brought 250 Passengers and 2,500 Tons of Cargo From the Orient

Celebrated Christmas at the 180th Meridian; Brought Chinese Crew

With a passenger list comprising sixty-three saloon and 187 steerage and a cargo totaling 2,500 tons, the Admiral Oriental liner President Jackson, Captain John Griffith, docked at pier A of the Ogden Point dock yesterday morning after completing an uneventful voyage from the Orient.

The Jackson had a good trip, encountering no storms, but at quarantine yesterday morning weather was very rough, with strong winds blowing and the sea was so rough that the doctor was unable to board the liner. The Jackson then proceeded to the Ogden Point dock where the quarantine doctor boarded and the vessel secured pratique.

CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS

When the vessel docked here her interior presented a gay appearance. The dining room and the social hall had been prettily decorated in holiday colors and the captain provided a Christmas programme which was thoroughly enjoyed despite the fact that the passengers were, in some doubt as to whether they were really celebrating Christmas Day or the day before. In passing the meridian they gained a day and many of the passengers were in a quandary as to what date it was. However, the captain assured them that they were celebrating Christmas and whether it was the right day or not they all had a good time.

MUCH RAW SILK

The Jackson brought an unusual quantity of silk this trip. In all she had 6,122 bales valued approximately \$7,000,000. In addition to this she had a large shipment of hemp totaling 300 bales. Seattle's cargo consisted altogether a little over 2,900 tons.

CABIN PASSENGERS

Among those traveling first class were Felix Gould, of the Lampart Export Company, of New York; T. Trotter, engineer of the Saco-Lowell Company, returning to Boston on furlough; J. W. Emlison, International Bankers' Corporation, formerly of Yokohama; Dr. T. C. Lee, commercial attaché to Chinese Government, en route to Washington, D.C., and then to Paris; George T. Webster, representative of the Port of Portland in the Orient; Dr. Roger Greene, director Chinese Medical Board, Rockefeller Foundation; H. M. Tusk, of W. L. Tusk, Son & Company, of New York, returning on a business trip; P. E. Dourille, of P. E. Dourille Company, silk shippers, en route to Paris; E. B. Waite, of Waite & McCave Company, of New York; W. K. Chung, vice-president Canton Christian College of Canton, en route to New York; George R. Grege, of Geo. R. Grege Company, silk merchants of Toronto; Miss Jane Scott, general secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Japan.

STEERAGE PASSENGERS

Thirty-three steerage passengers debarked at Victoria, while there were also two cabin passengers for this port. Among the steerage were thirty-two Chinese who were taken to Vancouver in bond and there placed aboard a Dollar Line steamer to be taken to San Francisco, where they will be placed aboard the President Harrison which is leaving January 5, inaugurating the first round-the-world passenger service and proceeded to Yarrow's to-day for a new propeller.

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Chief Officer John Broch was in command of the Knut Knutsen steamship Golden Gate, which docked from the Orient yesterday afternoon and proceeded to Yarrow's to-day for a new propeller.

ALL GLOVES TO CLEAR
Gordon Lyssale LIMITED
1211 DOUGLAS STREET

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Closing Out This Business Everything Must Go!

STORE OPEN ALL DAY WEDNESDAY

To encourage all-day shopping we append a list of extraordinary bargains, the importance of which can be appreciated only by personal inspection of the goods concerned. Note the following lines carefully and invest to great advantage here Wednesday.

Trimmings and Tassels

10¢ Each—A collection of Fancy Tassels. Originally 25¢, 35¢ and 50¢.

25¢ a Yard—Dress Fringes, Silk Fringes, Beaded Fringes. Originally 50¢ to \$1.35 a yard.

50¢ a Yard—Silk Fringes, Beaded Fringes, Dress Ornaments and Frogs. Originally \$1.00 to \$1.50.

Toilet Goods

Woodbury's Tooth Powder, originally 25¢. Closing-Out Price 20¢.

Harriet Hubbard Ayers, red, rose and princess, charming face powder in satchel, natural and white. Originally \$2.00 and \$2.75. Closing-Out Price \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Gosnell's Bath Soap in large bars, Brown Windsor, glycerine and honey. Originally 85¢. Closing-Out Price 50¢.

Children's Underwear

AT 15¢—Vests, no sleeves and short sleeves. Originally 25¢ and 35¢.

AT 15¢—Drawers, closed style, knee length. Originally 25¢.

AT 25¢—Vests, short and no sleeve style. Originally 40¢ and 50¢.

AT 50¢—Vests, originally 75¢.

AT 25¢—Drawers, closed style, knee length, in black or white. Originally 50¢.

AT 50¢—Drawers, knee length, closed style. Originally 95¢ and \$1.00.

AT 50¢—Combinations, short sleeve, bloomer leg. Originally 85¢ and \$1.00.

Embroideries

Just Look at These Prices

Original Prices, 15¢ and 17¢. Closing-Out Prices, 6 yards 25¢.

Original Prices 20¢ and 25¢. Closing-Out Price 10¢ a Yard.

Original Prices 30¢ and 35¢. Closing-Out Price 15¢ a Yard.

Original Prices 40¢ and 45¢. Closing-Out Price 20¢ a Yard.

Original Prices 50¢ and 60¢. Closing-Out Price 25¢ a Yard.

The Entire Stock of High-Grade Blouses to Clear at Half Price

Included are models of Canton Crepe, Crepe de Chine and Flat Crepe; all silk and voile Blouses, Jaquettes, Over-blouses, and tailored models. ALL TO GO AT HALF PRICE.

A COLLECTION OF FANCY BOUDOIR CAPS IN SILK AND NET TO CLEAR AT 25¢ EACH.

Buy a Housedress For \$1.00

These Were Originally \$1.50 and \$1.95

There are belted and tie back styles in striped and plaid ginghams and chambrays.

BRASSIERES

50¢

ORIGINALLY \$1.25

THE ENTIRE STOCK OF CHILDREN'S AND GIRLS' DRESSES IN SERGE, FLANNEL, CANTON CREPE AND CREPE DE CHINE TO BE CLEARED AT ONE-HALF PRICE.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

December

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Our January Clearance Sale

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—COMMENCES—
Wednesday, January 2



A Clearance of Women's and Misses' Fur-trimmed and Tailored COATS

Tailored Coats made of most excellent materials, smart styles with slash or patch pockets and strap sleeves. Each has a neat belt with buckle and are half lined. Sizes 14 to 44. Clearing at

\$12.90

Fur-trimmed or Tailored Coats of frieze or Cheviot cloths, in stylish mixtures, made with Raglan and set-in sleeves, inverted back and shoulder pleats, tailored collars and half lined. Some have leather buttons. Sizes 14 to 44. Clearing at

\$15.90

Superior Grade Tailored Coats, Raglan and semi-tailored styles. They are finished with side tie, patch pockets and storm cuffs. Shown in plain or check effects and fully lined. Sand, grey, brown, blue, fawn. Sizes 16 to 44. Clearing at

\$24.90

Coats of All-wool Velour, fur-trimmed and plain collars, side tie and two-button effects. Russian back and straight styles, some fastened at side with neat buckle and fully lined. Shades brown, sand, navy and black. Sizes 16 to 50. Values to \$49.50. Clearing for

\$29.90

Fur-trimmed Coats of All-wool Velours, Marvella and Bolivia Cloths. Some beautifully embroidered. There are wrap-over styles with smart buckle, others with side tie. They have American opossum and French beaver collars, are fully lined with silk and shown in shades of brown, navy, fawn and sepia. Values to \$69.75 on sale for

\$39.90

High-grade Coats made in wrappy styles, and trimmed with fitch fur or French beaver collars and cuffs. They are fully lined and beautifully embroidered. The materials include poiret twill, broadcloth, marvella and Bolivia cloths. Sizes range from 16 to 44. Values to \$125.00. Clearing at

\$49.90

—Mantles, First Floor

15 Only English Knitted SUITS \$14.95

Values \$22.50—on Sale at

At the clearance price these suits are most remarkable values. Some are made with cardigan coats in Balkan style, others with Tuxedo collars and belts. The skirts have elastic at the waist and are very neat. Shown in stripes and plain shades, sand, brown, blue, grey and lemon. All must go at, each

\$14.95

—Mantles, First Floor



Children's Coats January Sale Bargains

Girls' Coats, plain or fur-trimmed. They are of excellent materials and have belt and pockets. Shades fawn, brown, Saxe and green; sizes for 10 to 13 years. Values to \$13.95. Clearing at

\$9.75

Children's Coats, plain or fur-trimmed, in fawn, navy and brown; sizes for the ages of 4 to 8 years. Odd lines and sizes. Values to \$9.75. Clearing at

\$5.95

Children's Coats in white, pink, blue, fawn and grey, made with round collars; sizes for the ages of 3, 4 and 5 years. Values to \$4.75. Clearing at

\$3.50

Girls' Fur-trimmed Coats in excellent cloths and in shades of fawn, brown and navy; sizes for 11 and 12 years. Values to \$24.00. Clearing at

\$12.75

Girls' Fur-trimmed Coats, trimmed with fancy stitching and having belts and pockets. Fawn and brown grey and blue; sizes for the ages of 10 to 14 years. Values \$16.75. Clearing at

\$12.75

—Children's, First Floor

Linenette Underskirts Reg. \$1.25 for 98c

Underskirts of good grade linenette, made with pleated flounces. Rose, navy, green, purple and Saxe. On sale at

98c

—Whitewear, First Floor

A January Clearance of BLOUSES

Tricolette Blouses in fancy weave or dropstitch, made overblouse style with short sleeves, round or V necks and band to tie waists. Many shades to choose from; sizes 36 to 40. Clearance price

\$4.95

Blouses of crepe de Chine, tricolette or georgette, in overblouse or tuck-in style, with short or long sleeves Peter Pan, convertible collars or round neck styles; blue grey, fawn, navy and black; sizes 34 to 44. Values to \$7.95. Clearing at

\$3.95

Crepe de Chine and Georgette Blouses, in overblouse style, with long, short or three-quarter sleeves. They are trimmed with Paisley, radium lace, hemstitching or bands of crepe knit, in Paisley designs. Many shades to select from. Values to \$13.50 for

\$7.95

—Blouses, First Floor

85 Women's Sweaters—Values to \$7.95. Clearing at \$2.98

Heavy Weight Sweaters, rib weave and in pull-over style with long sleeves, semi-Tuxedo collar two pockets and narrow belts. The shades are American beauty, navy and white, turquoise and white, black and white. There are also jersey cloth sweaters made Tuxedo style with tucks in back and on pockets, or plain styles. The shades are green, American beauty, peacock, rose and purple; \$7.95 values for, each

\$2.98

—Sweaters, First Floor

Our Entire Stock of Plain Tailored and Fur-trimmed Suits—Values to \$85.00. To Go at, Each, \$25.00

Tweed Suits, smartly tailored, with narrow belts and slit or patch pockets. They are silk lined and shown in mixtures of blue, green, grey and taupe. Tailored suits of velour, serge and tricolette, made in straight lines with narrow belts and finished with fancy stitching or self trimming. They are silk lined and in shades of black, navy and brown. Fur-trimmed suits of velour, satin cloth and duvetyne. Novelty styles. Some have narrow belts, others are designed in long lines with side effects fastening and have fur collars of beaverine, opossum and imitation Kollinsky. Shades are taupe, brown, Saxe, navy and black; size 16 to 46. Clearing at

\$25.00

—Mantles, First Floor

Our January Shoe Sale This Year Is Going to Be Bigger Than Ever Before

Lots of Shoes in the Wanted Styles—Plenty of Sizes and Priced Lower Than Ever

Women's Evening Slippers, Values to \$14.00 for \$7.95

In conformity with our plan to dispose of all broken lines each season we have grouped practically all our better evening slippers to go at one price. These include the best makes in Canada in hand-turned pumps, representing almost all sizes. There are gold and silver pumps, black brown or white satin pumps, patent leather, black and brown kid and suede pumps and some other clever combinations of leathers. Most remarkable values at

Women's Pumps, Value to \$6.00 for \$3.90

Black Satin Strap Pumps, with low or French heels, and patent leather one-strap pumps with military heels. Clearing at pair

\$3.90

Women's Street Pumps, Value to \$8.00 for \$4.90

Here is a great variety of quality pumps, in all leathers and black and brown. All are serviceable grades and bargains at the price. Sandals, strap pumps and Colonials. Clearing at

\$4.90

Women's New Pumps, for \$6.90 New patterns in cut-out styles, wood brown suedes, black satin, with light flexible soles and covered Spanish heels. A special purchase is responsible for this bargain.

Women's Brogue Oxfords at \$5.90 Stout sole brogues in brown or black calf, fawn and brown buck with low heels and double welted soles. These are bargains at each

\$5.90

200 Pairs of Women's Boots Values to \$7.50 for \$2.95

Black kid, high cut lace Boots, with welted soles and military heels. All sizes from 2½ to 7 in this remarkable offering. Be on hand early.

—Women's Shoes, First Floor

Women's Gingham Dresses—Values to \$3.50 for \$1.79

A Special Purchase of Gingham Dresses, fancy checks and stripes, all colors. Some have pique and organdie collars and cuffs, others trimmed with self material. Sale price at

\$1.79

—Whitewear, First Floor

A Clearance Sale of Morning, Afternoon and Evening DRESSES

In this annual sale we make a special point of offering Dresses that are in every way up to the moment in style and fabric, but at prices that make every dress a bargain.

Dresses of serge, tricolette, Canton crepe and poiret twill; navy or black and fashioned in coat or wrap around styles. They are trimmed with fancy or military braid; have long sleeves, roll collars and are neatly belted. Very desirable for Spring time wear. Sizes 16 to 48. Values to \$25.00. Clearing for

\$9.90

Dresses of Canton, georgette, crepe de Chine and wool crepes, suitable for general or afternoon wear. They are offered in all desirable shades, have long or three-quarter length sleeves and trimmed with embroidery braid and picot edge. A great variety of styles. Sizes 16 to 40. Values to \$35.00. Clearing at

\$15.90

A Number of Models Imported from Europe made of georgette and Canton crepe. Attractively designed and featuring the slender silhouette, artistically trimmed with braid and beads. There are also a number of Adair models with dainty touches of hand work that is greatly appreciated by women of refined taste. These frocks are in shades of coral, tangerine, peacock blue, fawn, cocoa, brown, pearl, platinum grey, taupe, lemon, black and henna. Sizes 16 to 44. Values to \$49.50. Clearing for

\$24.90

An Offering of Fascinating French Models for afternoon or evening wear. These portray in a masterly style the creative individuality of the designs. The materials are plain brocade Canton and georgette crepes, in shades of jade and lemon green, pink, rose, flame and American Beauty, sky and robin egg blue, orange; all-over bead, sequin and metallic lace trimming in elaborate and tasteful design. Sizes 16 to 44. Values to \$85.00. Clearing at

\$38.90

—Mantles, First Floor

Thousands of Pairs of Women's and Children's Hosiery To Go At Special Clearance Prices

500 Pairs of Women's Pure Silk Hose with elastic hem tops, double heels, soles and toes. Regular values \$1.50 to \$2.00. Clearing at

79c

Women's Heather Mixture Cashmere Hose with contrasting color clox. Regular \$1.25. Clearing at

59c

Women's Wide Rib Golf Hose English make all pure wool. Regular \$1.75. Clearing at

98c

Girls' Fine 1 and 1 Rib, Three-quarter Length Hose, all-wool with turn-down tops and reinforced heels and toes. Seamless; green, Lovat and camel heather mixtures. Regular 98c for

50c

Children's Three-quarter Hose, with turn-over colored tops. All wool; regular 75c for

50c

Boys' Heather Wool Hose, 4 and 1 rib. They have reinforced heels and toes. Regular 98c for

50c

Girls' Wide Ribbed Heather Cashmere Hose in brown, Lovat and camel; sizes 8 to 10. Regular \$1.25 for

50c

Women's Silk and Wool Hose, with extra long leg, double hemmed top and reinforced foot; fawn, black, blue grey and green mixtures. Special value, a pair

\$1.50

Out-size Cashmere Hose, for women, seamless throughout, with extra-large leg black only; sizes 9, 9½ and 10. Clearing at, a pair

\$1.00

Women's Fleece-lined Hose, black only, heavy cotton for winter wear sizes 8½ to 10, a pair

50c

Women's Black Cashmere Hose, full fashioned with wide garter hem and reinforced foot, a pair

75c

Women's Heather Cashmere Hose, full fashioned with wide garter hem, narrow ankles, reinforced heels and toes. Brown grey and green mixtures, a pair

\$1.25

Girls' Heather Hose in fawn and dark brown. Fine 1 and 1 rib; sizes 6½ to 9½ a pair

89c

Boys' All-wool Worsted Hose, brown and black, size 6½ to 10½. Special value at, a pair

60c

—Hosiery, Main Floor

A January Clearance of Millinery

In this final clearance of Millinery you are offered some surprising values. Don't let the opportunity pass. Shop early Wednesday Morning and secure your needs.

Highest grade models, including some of the latest metal and velvet turbans. Values to \$25.00 for

\$8.95

A table of special models, including some very classy shapes. Values to \$20.00, for sale at

\$6.75

A Few Trimmed Hats and Toques, values to \$15.00 for

\$3.50

A Few Metallware Velours to clear at each

\$5.00

A Special Selection of trimmed and Ready-to-wear Hats, values to \$10.00 for

\$2.19

A Selection of Hats including a few beavers in black, purple and navy. Clearing at each

\$1.00

Misses' and Children's Hats in velvet and felt. Values to \$6.95. Clearing at

\$1.98

A Few Felt Hats and Tams, to clear, each at

\$1.25

—Millinery, First Floor

Girls' Dresses at Bargain Prices

Girls' Dresses of English Jersey Cloth, trimmed with colored stitching and colored flannel dresses all in attractive styles and pleasing shades; sizes for 6 to 14 years. Big values at

\$4.98

Girls' Dresses in odd sizes, flannels and serges; sizes for the ages of 8 to 12 years. Values to \$12.75. Clearing at

\$7.98

Girls' Dresses of jersey knit, shades of blue fawn, Saxe and grey; sizes for 7 to 12 years. On sale at

\$3.48

Girls' Gingham Dresses, in plaids, checks and stripes. Remarkably good grade; shown in assorted styles and in sizes for the ages of 8 to 14 years for

\$2.48

—First Floor

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Our January Clearance Sale

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Great January Clearance of Men's Suits

\$29.75, \$19.75 and \$12.50

Men's Suits, including all our high grade suits except two advanced Spring suits. The suits include blue serge, grey worsted and other high grade tweed and worsteds in the latest models, including the new sports, half belters, semi-form fitting, peak lapels and new roll collars. The suits are made from the best English cloth and are designed and made by master tailors. Values to \$40.00. All clearing at.....

Men's Suits, of wool tweeds and worsteds. Browns, greys, stripes and checks. Splendidly tailored and well designed. Conservative and Young Men models and very stylish. Values to \$20.00. All to go at, a suit.....

Men's Tweed and Irish, Navy Serge Suits. The tweeds are in light and dark shades and the serges are guaranteed all-wool. The suits are made in two and three button conservative models, and in sizes 36 to 44. Regular \$18.00 values for.....

Bance of Stock of Men's Overcoats

Values to \$30.00, Clearing at..... \$19.75

—Men's Clothing, Main Floor

Boys' Overcoats

Clearing at
\$8.95
And
\$10.95

Boys' Heavy Wool Tweed Overcoats, lined throughout, and designed in belter or half belter models. Smart coats with large roll collars. Very dressy and serviceable. Sizes 26 to 36. Regular to \$12.50 for.....

Boys' Overcoats of heavy weight cloths, double breasted, well lined, and tailored. Belters and plain models. Shades grey, brown and Lovats. Reg. \$14.95 for.....

—Boys' Clothing, Main Floor

January Sale Bargains in the Staple Linen and Wash Goods Sections

Pure Wool Blankets, navy blue only, 55 x 76 inch; value \$3.95. On sale, a pair \$2.98

Pure Wool Blankets, made from long, staple yarns, scoured and well fleeced; white with pink and blue borders; four sizes and weights—

60 x 80, reg. \$10.50. Sale price, a pair \$6.95
64 x 84, reg. \$10.50. Sale price, pair \$8.25
68 x 88, reg. \$12.50. Sale price, pair \$9.25
72 x 90, reg. \$15.00. Sale price, pair \$11.50

Silver Grey Point Blankets, renowned quality; will last for years; 60 x 74, 7 lbs. Reg. \$10.50. Sale price, a pair.....

Pure Down Comforters, various odd sizes and qualities, for single or double beds, and covered with sateens and cambrics and panelled in contrast. Reg. \$12.95, \$13.75 and \$15.75. On sale, each.....

Cotton Filled Comforters, 60 x 72, 70 x 72. Reg. to \$4.50 for.....

Fancy Raw Silk Batines, in excellent designs, on cream grounds; the price of cheap cotton; 28 inch. Regular 89c; on sale, 39c

Large Turkish Bath Sheets, colored, English quality, 38 x 73. Regular \$2.75, for \$1.79

Colored Stripe Turkish Towels, English quality, large size. Regular 59c; each, 49c

White Bedspreads, all sizes—

54 x 78 inches. Regular \$2.50, for \$1.98
72 x 84 inches. Regular \$3.75, for \$2.95
62 x 86 inches. Regular \$4.75, for \$3.75
80 x 90 inches. Regular \$5.75, for \$4.75
82 x 92 inches. Regular \$6.75, for \$5.95
All hemmed ready for use.

Colored Border Turkish Towels, various oddments; some slightly soiled by handling. Regular to \$1.50. On sale at, each.....

English Alhambra Bedspreads, pink and red only. Size 78 x 86. Regular \$2.95, \$1.98

Army Grey Flannels, all pure wool, plain grey and union of wool and cotton; 29 ins. Regular 75c. On sale at, a yard.....

Heavy Khaki All-wool Flannels, high grade, for men's and boys' wear, 31 inches. Reg. \$1.00. On sale, a yard.....

Viyella Flannels, a few designs we are clearing out, 9 different stripes, plain blue, grey, pink and white, mauve and white and mixed stripes. For shirts or pyjamas. 31 inches. Regular \$1.35. On sale for, a yard.....

Bath Robe Blankets, full size, 72 x 90, a few colorings left over from the Christmas rush. Regular \$7.50 and \$9.95. On sale for \$5.95

Beacon Robe Flannels, 27-inch, a famous quality. Reg. 89c a yard. One Sale, 69c

Check Tea Towelings, red and blue, 22 inch. Regular 25c, for, a yard.....

17-inch roller crash, regular 20c a yard. Sale Price.....

18-inch Irish Huckaback, regular 35c a yard. Sale Price.....

36-inch Pure Longcloth, regular 30c a yard. Sale Price, a yard.....

60-inch Irish Damask, regular \$2.25 a yard. Sale Price.....

72-inch Irish Damask, regular \$1.85 a yard. Sale Price.....

54-inch Irish Damask, regular \$1.35 a yard. Sale Price.....

—Main Floor

Men's Underwear

At Clearance Prices

Men's Mottled Fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers, flannel weight, all sizes. Clearing at, a garment.....

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Men's Fur, Main Floor

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Sweater Coats for working-men, in heavier mixture shades and pile with shawl collar and pockets. Heavy rib cotton. Special, each.....

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At Clearance Prices

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A January Sale of Men's Boots

Men's Top Grade Boots, \$10.00 Values for \$7.90

Fine Quality Boots, in black or brown calf or black kid. They have oak tanned soles and show a superior workmanship that makes this offering one of special merit. All lasts and sizes.

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—Infants, First Floor

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—Draperies, Second Floor

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Curtain Scrim, 36 inches wide, white, ivory or ecru. On sale at, a yard.....

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—Carpets, Second Floor

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A handsome Silk for dresses, in shades of black, navy, white, pink, sky, jade, sunset, henna, Japan, blue, Saxe, mauve and biscuit

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—Silks, Main Floor

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Siki's Show is Not Wanted in Michigan

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—Louis

Files, state boxing commissioner, today announced that he had ordered Grand Rapids promoters to cancel the scheduled ten-round bout between "Battling" Siki and Joe Lohman, Toledo, heavyweight, which

was to have been held New Year's Day. "Siki's past performances are such that Michigan can get along without any matches in which he is a principal," the commissioner said.

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Two Continents As It Will
Stir You



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AT THE THEATRES

Jackie Coogan
Stars in Tale
of Balkan Court

Mary Roberts Rinehart's Story
at Dominion Fits Boy Actor

Mary Roberts Rinehart's story, "Long Live the King," gives Jackie Coogan, the wonderful boy actor, just the opportunity he wants. At the Dominion this week the film adaptation of the novelist, as prepared for the screen will be presented. The picture takes considerable liberties with the story which has pleased old and young alike. There have been substantial cuts in the political intrigue which forms rightly so large a part of the story, and the comedy element has been strengthened in the picture. "Nikky," the impulsive chum of the lonely prince, affords a remarkable hero type, of that temperament which made the books of Anthony Hope about similar mythical kingdoms so much enjoyed by the fathers and mothers of to-day. Jackie, the over-watched, much pampered son of the palace, longing for the play of the street, remind one somewhat of the Prince in Mark Twain's "Prince and the Pauper." His delight in the railway with his new found American chum "Bobbie," and his crest-fallen appearance before the old King, his grandfather, as he returns tattered and torn to the palace, present to Jackie an opportunity to show the emotions in a remarkable way. His battle, with Nikky's aid, in Black Humbert's dungeon, is one of the strong phases of the piece, the boy developing there those capacities to think quickly and act promptly which are to stand him in good stead in the future. The slowly moving state processions contrast with the motor cycles and automobiles which convey the proud Earl of Karia to the capital of the elderly King Ferdinand. The picture affords the opportunities for pageantry which go so far to make the film notable from a pictorial standpoint.

"Ponjola" as Film
True to Famous
Record in Film

First National Picture at Royal
in South African Story

When one goes to see a motion picture, which has been adapted from a book which he had read and enjoyed, he more often than not goes with the feeling that the picture will be inferior to the original story.

So often do we hear the criticism: "It is a good picture, but it is not the book—for it has been greatly changed."

But this cannot be said of "Ponjola," a First National pictureization of Cynthia Stockley's famous story of South African life, which opened to-day at the Royal Theatre.

"Ponjola" as a film is "Ponjola" the book, and on one who was enthralled with the celebrated Stockley masterpiece is going to be disappointed with "Ponjola."

Those who read "Ponjola" are going to be overjoyed with the screen version, for the producers of this picture have adhered faithfully to the plot and theme of the story and have given us a picture which can truthfully be regarded as one of the dramatic gems of the year.

Anna Q. Nilsson as the heroine of the play, the English noblewoman who disguises as a man is admirably cast. Despite her essential feminism, Anna is as much at home in male attire as she is in the clothes of her sex. The illusion is perfect and in those sequences of the story where she appears as a man, one loses consciousness of the fact that it is a woman playing the part.

James Kirkwood, the Englishman who seeks to drown his sorrows in "Ponjola," is all that can be desired. He handles his part excellently and never once is he guilty of over-acting, a failing which is too often the case in the enactment of dramatic roles.

In fact the whole cast can be regarded as 100 per cent perfect. Ruth Clifford has a role essentially suited to her type in Gay Lyplatt; Joseph Kilgour is a convincing villain. Other prominent roles are excellently handled by Tully Marshall, Edwin Sturgis, Claire McDowell, Claire Du Brey and Bernard Randan.

PRESENTATION

Cumberland, Dec. 31.—Pupils of the Cumberland schools have made a presentation to Mr. Webb, principal of the Public School, who has been appointed supervisor at Nanaimo, of a traveling bag.

Special turkey dinner every night at the Strathcona Hotel Cafe, 5.30 to 8.

"To the Ladies"
Will be Shown
at the Capitol

Several Stars Scintillate in Cruze
Production

Something that has never happened in Los Angeles before in the history of the motion picture industry and probably will not soon again, recently

AT THE THEATRES

Royal—"Ponjola."

Capitol—"To the Ladies."

Dominion—"Long Live the King."

Playhouse—"His Smothered Love."

Columbia—"The Face on the Bar-room Floor."

occurred there. A motion picture director had three first run pictures running in three first run houses at one time. Jimmy Cruze is the director. And the pictures were "The Covered Wagon"—at Grauman's Hollywood, "Ruggles of Red Gap" at Grauman's Metropolitan, and Hollywood. "Low's State." This brings to mind a few remarks that might be made upon James Cruze, director. He is a young man who is turning out great pic-

tures. He is rich, the bell time and again, not only the box office but with the box office. Yet he is the most businesslike, least verbose, most unassuming, and most serious, himself seriously, his pictures can be cut in minutes, because he has shot to what he needed that there is nothing to do but make a picture of the best "takes" of a

There is a tradition, Hollywood that he once shot a picture that had to be trimmed, when most directors make big features shoot hundreds of thousands of feet. Chaplin, to 400,000 feet of film shot to 300 feet of picture for "The Wagon" of Paris. Jimmy Cruze has one gospel. Entertainment. He is that the prime object of a picture is to amuse, no inhibitions, he is trying to change the world or industry. He's making a picture, in honest

stories that he hopes are going to give mama and papa, and the kids a good evening of enjoyment, clean wholesome enjoyment, that will make them forget their cares and troubles. "To the Ladies" Mr. Cruze's latest work for Paramount, featuring Edward Horton, Theodore Roberts, Helen Jerome Eddy and Louise Dresser is now at the Capitol.

J. E. FAREWELL, K.C.,
DIED IN OSHAWA

Whitby, Ont., Dec. 31.—Colonel J. E. Farewell, K.C., eighty-four, crown attorney of Ontario County for forty-nine years, died in Oshawa Saturday.

In November he sustained fractures of three ribs and of the breastbone in an automobile accident. Despite these injuries he was able to appear at the court sessions here two weeks ago. He leaves no family.

ALL
WEEK

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TO-DAY

Jackie's Greatest Triumph a \$600,000 Masterpiece

Amid Gorgeous Settings of
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Special
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Jackie Coogan

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Evening, 15c
Loges, 50c

star, old or young, never been seen in a picture. Jackie does himself this, most charming story to reach the screen.

Hincks's Reviving Musical Plays Here This Week

A great deal of interest has been

aroused by the announcement that the ever-popular producer, Reginald Hincks and his clever band of artists are to be again seen at the Yates Street house in another series of musical, dramatic and variety shows. Those who enjoyed their last season's run of comic opera will well remember their many happy moments spent

with such characters as the Bing Boys, the Mayor of Tokio and dozens of others equally charming, and will doubtless look forward to being once more entertained by this clever aggregation.

The first of this series will be staged commencing Thursday, January 3, and will consist of "The Geisha," Jones' masterpiece. "The Geisha," performances will be twice nightly, at 7 and 9 o'clock, and the price of admission has been cut to an absolute minimum. There will be no reserve seats.

As an added attraction the screen feature, "A Game Chicken," starring Bebe Daniels, will be shown. It will thus be seen that the patrons of the Playhouse will be given a first class feature picture as well as an hour of bright musical comedy.

love of a pretty girl, there is bound to be something doing every minute until the climax is reached. This is quite true insofar as "His Smothered Love," the latest Paramount Maek Bennett, with Chester Conklin, Harry Gribbon and Marie Provost, is concerned. "His Smothered Love," which is being shown at the Playhouse to-day.

Conklin is a conductor who falls in love with the fat bank roll of Marie Provost, as well as with her personal charms. He short-changes the mother of his inamorata and when he appears at her home disguised as a Count, she angrily exposes him. Then Marie consents to become the bride of Harry Gribbon and in revenge Conklin sends what he believes to be a bottle of poisoned wine to the couple for a wedding present. Filled with remorse, Conklin begins a mad chase of the bridal couple to prevent them from drinking the supposed poisoned wine, and the situations that ensue, are extremely laughable. The comedy may be seen with profit and enjoyment by old and young alike.

New William Fox Picture Wins Applause

Columbia Presents H. B. Waithall in "The Face on the Barroom Floor"

An electrified audience thrilled with excitement at the big climax storm scenes in the new William Fox special, "The Face on the Barroom Floor," which opened at the Columbia Theatre for a three-days' run. This storm is one of the most realistic ever shown on the screen. Henry B. Waithall plays the leading role.

"The Face on the Barroom Floor" deals with the dramatic theme of drink. How a man disappointed in love sought solace in drink and went down to the depths, only to be saved by the woman he loved and brought back to sanity and happiness. Director Jack Ford has handled the story with rare skill and sympathy. Any clumsiness of treatment would have made the picture preachy; instead, it vibrates with action and through it runs the silver thread of a charming romance, happily knotted in the end by a kiss.

Comedy to Excel at Playhouse in Unusual Story

"His Smothered Love" Has Great Sensations

When a romantic street car conductor parades as a Count to win the

Grand Opera Season is Here Short But Fine

San Carlo Company on Wednesday Will Present Two Performances

Wednesday morning the San Carlo Grand Opera Company will arrive in Victoria for two performances here in the Royal Victoria Theatre. They come in the heat and glow of success, and surely if any people feel success or failure and indicate it in their work it is the artist type. But here are one hundred people who with very few exceptions have been together for a season—extending from September 17 until now and will be for months to come.

They started out in New York City for five weeks of performances at the significant Century Theatre. Every performance was packed, every artist was praised and some praised mightily by the conservative New York critics.

They moved to Philadelphia to the Metropolitan Opera House. Sold out for two weeks, two weeks before they opened. Shrieks of applause—so in Boston for three weeks; so in Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh and Detroit and Rochester, and everywhere—a tour of triumph.

Here now at the holiday season, the opening of a new year, with this history-making tour behind and before them, is it any wonder they are happy. And that happiness will be expressed in the spirit of the Victoria performances. Local musicians may look for a pair of performances the like of which have not been heard in memory—enthusiastic, eager, throbbing singing and playing. If they had had some failures, —if they would sing well anyway, for such is art—But now!

The San Carlo Company is on the coast due to the joint negotiations of the Elwyn Bureau, of Portland, and Fortune Gallo, the San Carlo impresario and the local arrangements of Cliff Denham at the Royal Victoria, where the two performances will be given.

PLAYHOUSE

Mon., Tues., Wed. Only

George Fitzmaurice Production

"TO HAVE and TO HOLD"

With Betty Compson and Bert Lytell

"Paramount's Million Dollar Masterpiece"

Added CHESTER CONKLIN in HIS SMOTHERED LOVE

COUNTRY STORE TUESDAY NIGHT—40 PRIZES

Paulowa Coming in Splendid Organization

The engagement at the Royal Victoria, on Tuesday, January 3, of Anna Pavlova and her Ballet Russe, is attracting the attention, not only of the city's musical and cultured contingents, but of those of its environs. Manager Denham, of the local playhouse being authority for the statement that many parties are being made up and will journey here from neighboring towns for the event. Pavlova's recent triumphs at Covent Garden, London, and at the Manhattan Opera House, New York, are well known to all who keep in average touch with important musical and theatrical doings. London critics hunted in vain for some word with which to epitomize the exquisite rhythmic

A New Year's Greeting

WE take this opportunity of thanking our friends for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed at their hands during the year just closing, and we look forward with confidence to a greater measure of support during the coming year.

Our aim in future, as in the past, will be to serve you with quality merchandise at the lowest possible prices.

We hope that the year 1924 has an increasing measure of happiness and prosperity in store for you all.

Hudson's Bay Company

Our January Clearance

SALE

Commences Thursday January 3

A Store wide clearance of seasonable merchandise at unparalleled price reductions. For full particulars see our advertisements in Wednesday Evening's Times and Thursday Morning's Colonist.

Store Closed All Day To-morrow New Year's Day

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art of this world-beloved woman, claiming her again the poet-goddess of the dance—the prima ballerina of the generation. Pavlova's supporting casts are said to be the most complete and artistic with which the Russian danseuse has ever surrounded herself for touring purposes. They include the noted M. Laurent Novikoff, who recently toured the world with the tip-toe queen; M. Ivan Clustine, eminent ballet-master; M. Pianowski, M. Vaginski, Zalewski, Olveroff, Donoslavski—many others high in the domain of the dance. In the feminine department of leaders are Mlle. Hilda Butsova, premiere danseuse classique; Mlle. Mariel, Stuart, Mlle. Tamara Friede, Mlle. Eloise Faucheux and a corps de ballet of forty. Notable among the features is the symphonic section of twenty-five, under the direction of Theodore Stier, celebrated maestro, for several years chief musical director for Mme. Pavlova.

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"The Geisha"

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James Cruze PRODUCTION

PRESENTED BY JESSE LASKY

TO THE LADIES

WITH Edward Horton Theodore Roberts Helen Jerome Eddy Louise Dresser

A Paramount Picture

To the Ladies:

This is your picture! Bring along the men and enjoy an hour and a half of supreme triumph!

To the Men:

You've got to hand it "To the Ladies!" And oh, man! this picture gives 'em all the credit due!

To Everybody:

Come along and laugh yourself hoarse at this comedy classic, made from the knock-out stage success.

From the play by George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly—Scenario by Walter Woods

News and Review

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-HOCKEY. FOOTBALL TIMES SPORTING NEWS BASKETBALL. RUGBY-

Both Mainland Hoop Teams Suffer Defeat

Metropolitans Conquer Ex-Normals and First Presbyterians Defeat Native Sons, League Leaders in Vancouver, in Thrilling Games Played at Y.M.C.A. Gym on Saturday; Great Crowd Witnessed Show, Which Was Best Seen Here in Years

Both Vancouver basketball teams which came over to show their wares on Saturday night went back home yesterday well beaten. The two championship Victoria teams, the First Presbyterians and Metropolitans, scored decisive wins over the Native Sons and ex-Normals, two of the fastest on the mainland. It proved once again that the Capital remains invincible when it comes to the hoop game. The Metropolitans defeated the ex-Normals by thirty-two to twenty-three, while the Firsts conquered the Native Sons by seventeen to twelve.

The games staged under the auspices of St. Andrew's Athletic Association, produced some of the fastest play seen here for many years. Local followers of the game turned out in full force and packed the local Y.M.C.A. gymnasium to the limit.

The feature of the evening was the game between ex-Normals and Metropolitans. Seldom has a faster exhibition been seen on local floor, both teams showing marvellous speed and endurance. The Vancouver ex-Normals are a nifty bunch of ball-players, their speed keeping the Brindley and Moore worked some smooth plays in this period, resulting in ten points for the Mets. Each team took turns at gaining a slight lead, and just as the period was closing the Victoria boys were leading twelve to eleven, when Boyes ventured a long shot from the thousand yard range. The timekeeper's whistle blew when the ball was still revolving through space.

IT WENT IN
When the ball finally decided to drop it picked out an open space right in the centre of the hoop, putting the ex-Normal boy one point ahead on the first period.

The Mets showed their finest work in the second period when Vern Jones, Stan Moore, and John Brindley played at the top of their game, some pretty combination work resulting in Jones netting twelve points. Danglerfield and McIntyre held the fast ex-Normals forward in check throughout the period.

The mainlanders tried the "quick change act" several times in a desperate endeavor to save the game. Two fresh men would take the floor, replacing two who would then rest for a short time before going on again in place of two others. This helped to keep a fresh team on the floor, but all schemes failed to keep Jones and Moore from securing the ball and adding enough points to make victory secure for the local team.

Bob Whyte handled the whistle. The teams were:
Metropolitans—John Brindley, 14; Stan Moore, 8; Vern Jones, 14; Jim Danglerfield, 2; Gus McIntyre, 6.

EX-NORMALS—H. Gamsay, 11; Earl Boyes, 10; Jim Boyes, 8; Cal Boyes, 2; "Fat" Boyes, 1; G. Craig, 1; Don McKenzie, 6.

BUT IT DIDN'T WORK
The Native Sons, Vancouver's best bet, were advertised to play the Mets, but on arriving in Victoria decided that the honor of trimming the famous First Presbyterians, on a Victoria floor, better creating much more of a sensation in local basketball circles.

The Firsts were quite willing to accommodate them, so Vancouver's Senior League leaders stepped into the opening game. From a spectator's point of view this game could hardly be compared with the wonderful exhibition of speed shown by the ex-Normals and Metropolitans. Each team appeared too anxious to win, close-checking featuring the greater part of the game.

GOOD IN SPOTS
Neither team, it was evident, was playing the game they were capable of, although flashes of speed here and there made the game an interesting one. Six points each was the sum total of the scoring in the first period.

The second period was faster, with both teams trying their hardest to secure a lead. "Red" Hastings, who missed several golden opportunities, to score, eventually steadied down and slipped in two nice shots; Whyte and McKinnon added six points and although McKinnon, the speedy forward of the Firsts, scored several times, the Firsts ran out victorious by five points.

The teams were:
First Presbyterians—"Red" Hastings, 6; Ed. Breckenridge, 1; Norm Forbes, 3; Bob Whyte, 5; Gus McKinnon, 3; Foubister, 1.
Native Sons—Adam, 8; Hunter, 1; Johnson, 2; Stevens, 1; Woodcock, 2; Boyes, 1.
Referee, Tom De Macedo.

CHRIST CHURCH WINS
St. Andrew's met Christ Church in a hard fought senior girls' game, the latter winning by twenty-nine to five. St. Andrew's secured an early lead but the Cathedral girls evened up and scored another just as the first period closed, making the score seven to five.

St. Andrew's again went ahead twice in the second period and appeared to be going fast enough to win, but during the last five minutes Florrie Gates and Kathy Wellburn scored six points in rapid style, thereby securing a win after a very exciting second period. St. Andrew's scored two nice shots for St. Andrew's while Dorothy Melville twice evaded all the opposing team and ended up by putting the ball in the basket.

The teams were:
St. Andrew's—Reta Kelly, 4; Helen Robertson, 2; Iola Worthington, 2; Dorothy Melville, 5; Helen Cruickshank, 2.
Cathedral—Phyllis Gates, 4; Kathy Wellburn, 6; Florrie Gates, 3; Grace Wellburn, 1; Marjorie Locke, 1.

Regina Is Again Defeated, Eskimos Performing Trick

Team Which Started Out so Well at Home Finds Road Journey Rather Hard

W.C.H.A. Standing
Saskatoon 12 6 5 2 23 35 12
Calgary 7 6 1 0 22 13 12
Regina 5 2 1 2 19 11
Edmonton 3 3 3 2 18 18 8

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 31.—In a fast game that kept the capacity house in an uproar from beginning to end, the Eskimos defeated the Regina Capitals at the arena here Saturday by a score of 3 to 1. This was the Capitals' second defeat in two days, Calgary defeating them Friday by 4-1.

Both teams fought strenuously for the points, but the Eskimos had a decided edge in territorial play, speed and punch in the attack. McCusker in the net for Regina put up a wonderful performance. Time after time the three-man rushes of the Eskimos pierced the Regina defence, only to have McCusker saved miraculously.

The ice was keen, and both teams set out at a fast clip, which they maintained till the end. Regina relied mainly on two men rushes, keeping the balance back. Eskimos used two- and three-man rushes. The tireless back checking of the Eskimos forward was a vital factor in the result. Keats was brilliant. Winkler, Arbour and Sparrow ran him a close second.

KEATS GETS NICE GOAL
For the Capitals McCusker was easily the best. Stanley and Dick Irvin both played effective and popular games. Irvin's goal was the result of a pretty piece of individual work. Keats' goal was the best of the night.

Summary
First period—1, Regina, Irvin, 16.00.
Second period—2, Edmonton, Keats, 18.32.
Third period—3, Edmonton, Arbour from Sparrow, 2:02; 4, Edmonton, Arbour, 15.28.

Line-Up
Edmonton Position Regina
Winkler Goal McCusker
Simpson Defence Traub
Trapp Defence Dutkowski
Keats Forward Stanley
Sparrow Forward Gagne
Arbour Sub Irvin
Sheppard Sub Newell
Campbell Sub Asseltine
McCormick Sub Asseltine

ITALIAN ON HIS WAY
Ermo Spalla, of Italy, European heavyweight champion, will join the invader ranks of foreign boxers, after setting a new high mark in 1923, promises to establish another record in the new year.

Prospects of profitable matches in this country have attracted talent from Europe and South America, the latter sending two formidable candidates for honors in Luis Angel Firpo, Argentine heavyweight, and Luis Vicentini, Chilean lightweight. Two European champions already are in this country seeking laurels. A third is due early in January, while others have come in search of ring prominence, despite lack of titles.

Within the last few weeks, two titling Britishers arrived—two invader ranks of foreign boxers, after setting a new high mark in 1923, promises to establish another record in the new year.

FIRPO MOST DANGEROUS
Firpo looms by far as the most dangerous invader. The "Wild Bull of the Pampas," who knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring before finally going down to defeat last September at the Polo Grounds, will return to the United States, probably to make his way to another big fight match. Vicentini has returned to Chile after having received a setback at the hands of Johnny Shugart, but plans to return to the ring and fight his way to a position among the leaders, including Benny Leonard.

Soo Greyhounds Hand Out Defeat to Olympic Ice Team

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The Canadian Olympic ice hockey team arrived back Sunday from the Soo, where they were beaten two to one by the Greyhounds on Saturday night. With the party was Harold McMunn, who took part in the game, and his new team mates had nothing but praise for the Falcon club.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 31.—Completely reversing the form of Christmas Day, Fort William on Saturday night defeated Fort William here in the eastern division of the Manitoba Hockey League, seven to three. Fort William slipped in the third period, the visitors registering four goals to the locals' one.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Hamilton won the opening game of the Senior Ontario Amateur Hockey Association series here Saturday night, defeating the Soo Greyhounds, four to three. Johnny Brackenborough, the flashy centre of the visitors, scored the winning tally after one minute period second ten-minute overtime, when he dashed in from the left wing and drove the puck into the net.

Miske is Near End

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 31.—Unconscious most of yesterday, "Billy" Miske, St. Paul heavyweight boxer, ill in a local hospital, was not expected to live through till New Year's, his physicians said. He is suffering from Bright's disease.

Great International Sport Show in Paris Next Summer

Paris, Dec. 31.—An immense international sport exhibition will be held in the spacious room of the Trocadero during May, June and July, 1924, in connection with the Olympic Games. It will be the first of its kind and according to advices received from various countries desirous of arranging exhibits, will present an exceptional attraction.

Sporting and athletic articles, equipment and appliances of all the countries in the world, from snowshoes and skates of Canada to the primitive weapons used by the natives in hunting the lion in Central Africa and the tiger in Bengal will be included in this exhibition.

Inter-City Football Game Big Attraction

Representative Teams of the Victoria and Vancouver Wednesday Leagues Will Meet To-morrow Afternoon at Royal Athletic Park; Great Game Is Expected; Juniors Play in the Morning

With the football game at the Royal Athletic Park between the representative team of the Vancouver Wednesday League and a picked eleven from the local mid-week league, the only sporting attraction for New Year's afternoon, it is expected that a large attendance of soccer fans will be on hand to witness the match. The game will be called at 2:30 o'clock sharp with Fred Oliver handling the referee in the game by local supporters, as it is expected it will be keenly contested. The mainlanders are sending over a strong line-up. They have a great league in Vancouver and play fine soccer. The locals, however, are not a bit alarmed at the array of talent they will meet. The brand of football dished up by the Victoria mid-weekers is of the highest and the home team is confident of giving the highly-touted Vancouverians a real good game. Spencer's eleven are at the helm leading the Vancouver league and four of their crack players will be seen in action to-morrow.

CHANGE IN LINE-UP
Only one change has been made in the local team, this being in the half-back line, McKinnon being replaced by Lane, who was originally slated for centre-forward. Coulter, the fast forward belonging to the Garrison, will be the pivot man of the attacking line now.

The teams for to-morrow's game will be as follows:
Victoria—Goal, Shrimpton (Hudson's Bay); backs, Hay (Teamsters), and H. Copas (Broad Street); half-backs, Land (Teamsters), Speak (Teamsters), and Ward (Garrison); forwards, Cummins (Garrison), Humphreys (Garrison), Coulter (Garrison), Davis (Teamsters), and Pocock (Garrison).
Vancouver—Goal, Entwistle (Spencer's); backs, Abras (Spencer's), Williams (Fraser Valley); half-backs, Bailey (Spencer's), captain, Picken (Fraser Valley), and Chalmers (Mounted Police); forwards, Arnold (Burns Retail), Clayton (Spencer's), Rouse (Burns Retail), Finlayson (Shelly's), and Wilson (Spencer's).

In order to boost junior football in the city a game will be staged on New Year's morning at the Royal Athletic Park between the Saanich Thistles, leaders of the Victoria Junior Football League, and a team picked from the rest of the league. The game will be called at 11 o'clock. The game is being staged with a view to developing and encouraging of talent among the junior football players of the city.

The teams will be as follows:
Saanich Thistles: Harper, Main, Price, Miller, Crowe, Shanks, Conner, D'Arcy, Ewing, Minnie and Irving.

Representative Team: Hogan, Davis, Kennedy, Dawson, Charlton, Campbell, Bissell, Taylor, Rickson, Essler and Tomas.

France Sends in Challenge to U.S. For the Davis Cup

New York, Dec. 31.—France has filed its official challenge for the 1924 Davis Cup contest, the United States Lawn Tennis Association announced last night. France is the second nation to enter, Ireland having sent the challenge a week ago.

CRACKS KNEE-CAP

The course, with each runner's portion, will be as follows: Commencing on Dallas Road, foot of Heywood Avenue, running west to Douglas Street, around Park Road, Heywood Park Boulevard, Vancouver and View to Y.M.C.A.

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Y.M.C.A.—D. Carley, Don Newell, J. Shadloff, W. Peden, W. Lemm, L. Reeves, Colors, white.

LACK OF SNOW
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 31.—The Olympic ski jumping tryouts have been postponed until January 6, because of lack of snow. The cross country events will be staged January 15.

Tail-Enders Turn Madly on Leaders And Win Matches

Ottawa Beaten by Hamilton in Overtime Game, While Canadiens Trim St. Pats

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—After playing twelve minutes overtime, Hamilton Tigers chalked up their first N.H.L. victory of the season here on Saturday night, when they defeated the Senators three to two. A tied score at two-all at the end of full time necessitated an extra session.

Neither team tallied in the first ten minutes of the overtime, but shortly after the change over "Shorty" Green nailed the puck that meant Ottawa's first defeat in the schedule to date.

The hockey was good all through. Both teams carried plenty of punch in their attacks, and while Ottawa had the most shots, the Tiger drives were right on the net. Forbes got full credit for the Hamilton win. The little net guardian blocked them in every way imaginable and but for his brilliant and sensational display the Tigers would surely have been beaten by three or four goals.

Summary
First period—One, Hamilton, Randall, 4:15.
Second period—Two, Ottawa, Cy Denney, 17:02.
Third period—Three, Hamilton, Burch, 2:15; four, Ottawa, Broadbent, 2:00.
Overtime—Five, Hamilton, S. Green, 12:22.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Canadiens materially bettered their position in the N.H.L. race when they captured the opening game of the local professional hockey season, blanking the St. Patricks here Saturday night three to nothing. Superior at all stages throughout the game of a light, young, aggressive forward line over an attacking combination of heavier and older players was responsible for the local victory. It was only the splendid work of Roach in the nets of the visitors that kept the Canadiens from adding further to their scoring records.

Throughout the entire struggle the local maintained a constant bombardment on the visiting defence players and on Roach in the nets behind them. In the latter half of the game St. Patricks' resistance weakened and three goals went by Roach, ended three goals went by Roach.

Summary
First period—No score.
Second period—One, Canadiens, Boucher, 5:00; two, Canadiens, Joliat, 12:00.
Third period—Three, Canadiens, Joliat, 8:15.

Six Fast Teams Will Compete in New Year's Race

Keen Competition Expected in Boys' Relay Event; Race to Start at 10 o'Clock

All arrangements have been completed for the Y.M.C.A. boys' relay race on New Year's morning. David Spencer will send the six teams away at 10 o'clock from Dallas Road at the foot of Heywood Avenue.

The runners have all been in strenuous training during the past few weeks and it is expected that the race will be keenly contested. The Metropolitan team will be out to win the shield for two successive years. However, the Christ Church outfit was gathered together a few of the fastest runners of the city and will make a strong bid for the trophy.

THE COURSE
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Y.M.C.A.—D. Carley, Don Newell, J. Shadloff, W. Peden, W. Lemm, L. Reeves, Colors, white.

Misfortune is certainly following the Ottawa Senators, world's hockey champions, around this year. With Eddie Gerard, their premier defence man and captain, out of the game a further weakness was suffered on Saturday when Darragh cracked his knee-cap and will be kept idle for several weeks. The Ottawa management is sending out for help from all clubs in the West and has secured Earl Campbell from Edmonton.

West's Lead Is Again Sliced By Esquimalt

Youngsters Defeat Veterans and Jump Into Second Place in First Division Three Points Behind Leaders; Race For Championship Is Becoming Very Interesting; Moose and Navy Draw While Sons Dispose of North Wards

Esquimalt's fast-moving youngsters hung up their second win of the week by defeating the Veterans on Saturday afternoon. On Christmas Day they took the number one of the Victoria Wests, who had not previously sustained a defeat this season, and this they followed up by a win over the ex-soldiers.

As a result of their victory the Esquimalt eleven moved up to second place in the First Division and is now three points behind Victoria West. The dockyarders are two points in front of the Veterans, who dropped to third place. The teams in the tail-half of the division did not alter their position, the Moose and Navy splitting points, while the North Wards were again visited by defeat, it being served at the hands of the Sons of England.

The results of Saturday's games were as follows:
Esquimalt 7, Veterans 4.
Sons of England 4, North Wards 2.
Navy 1, Moose 1.
The standing of the First Division is as follows:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Victoria West	10	2	1	0	31	2	18
Esquimalt	10	7	2	1	26	17	15
Veterans	11	6	4	1	34	13	13
Sons of England	10	9	3	4	17	9	12
Moose	9	3	4	1	22	28	9
Navy	11	2	7	2	17	33	8
North Wards	9	1	8	0	11	34	2

Outclassing their opponents in all phases of the game, the Esquimalt football team advanced two points nearer to the league leaders by defeating the Veterans' eleven on Saturday afternoon at the Royal Athletic Park, by the score of seven goals to four. The Vets were at a decided handicap being without the services of Leeming, their star goalie, who is on the sick list, and Harry Orr, who was badly injured in last week's match. As a result of the loss of these two players the Esquimalt team was now advanced into second position, while the soldiers have dropped into the third. The game was greatly slowed up on account of the muddy field and slippery condition of the ball. At half time the suburban outfit were leading by a 3-0 score and in the final half the Esquimalt boys could do what they pleased. They scored four goals while the Veterans added the same number of counters to their total.

ESQUIMALT PRESS
From the kick-off the Esquimalt lads took the offensive and the Vets' back division was kept busy throughout the game. Five minutes from the start Tom Watt secured his first goal after him leaving an open goal and Tom Watt placed the ball into the corner of the net. This player was the mainstay of the Esquimalt forward line, his effective shooting and his passing and foot work was a sight worth watching. As the result of a pretty combination rush Frampton slammed the leather between the posts and placed the ball in the coveted territory. This ended the scoring and although the Vets tried hard they were unable to break through the opposing defence and the half-time whistle blew with a 3-0 count.

THREE PENALTIES
The second half was featured by the great number of penalties chalked up against the teams, the Esquimalt boys accounting for five, while the Veterans were responsible for the other. Preston opened the scoring in the final half when he scored the Vets' first tally after beating the opposing backs. He placed a wicked drive in the lower corner of the goal. Immediately following Tom Watt duplicated the trick at the other end of the field and a little later after Tom Watt had scored a soft one after Tom Watt had sent in a hot shot and the opposing goalie in saving turned around with the ball thus putting the leather over the line.

Three goals were run in by quick succession by the Vets. Johnny Cummins scoring at three of the counters. Two of them were at the result of work on the part of the Vets' forwards and Cummins found the ball at his foot directly in front of the goalmouth the Vet player booting it between the posts. The Esquimalt boys then added two more to their tally and Frampton putting the game on ice when he beat Coles with a drive that found the far corner of the goal. This ended the scoring and the final whistle blew with the blue shirts pressing hard.

Burton played a great game for the Vets at full-back while Merrifield and Johnny Cummins were the pick of the forward line.
Mesher was very effective for the Esquimalt team at centre half, while Stewart and Warren showed up well on the forward division.

The Moose and Navy did not find the going any too smooth owing to the heavy nature of the field and the slippery ball. They wound up in a

tie, the bluejackets gaining a goal in the first half through a nice shot by Kinch, while Dunn evened the count in the second half by driving a hot shot into the sailors' goal.

At the time the teams were not able to show off to the best of advantage and there were very few thrills in the game.

The Wards once again took the field one man short and the Sons of England were able to score a fairly easy victory over them. The Wards are now well tucked away in the cellar berth and have little chance of climbing out this season. However, they count on making the race a hot one in the Jackson Cup series. The Sons of England hung on to fourth place by winning their game.

There were twenty-nine entries.

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Ruhr Seizure Upsets Balance

During the year which is just about to close the outstanding event was the occupation of certain German territory in the Rhineland and the Ruhr by French troops. This has probably gravely affected more people and has had a greater influence on history than any other occurrence of 1923. This has probably gravely who might regard the signing of the Halibut Treaty or the holding of the Imperial Conference as of more vital importances to the Dominion, some in the United States who might regard the accession of President Coolidge to power as of more import. To Japan the cataclysmal earthquake was probably the outstanding event, Jugo-Slav might think the signing of the Santa Margherita Treaty as the great event of the year. Yet on the whole the occupation of the Ruhr will probably go down to history as the key-note of the year's history.

Outside of the Federal Government domain two Provincial elections were held during the year. On June 25, in Ontario, the Government of Premier E. C. Drury, leader of the United Farmers of Ontario, was defeated by the Conservatives, led by G. Howard Ferguson. The result of the polling gave seventy-five Conservatives, fourteen Liberals, seventeen United Farmers, four Laborites and one Independent. On the following day Mr. Drury resigned and Mr. Ferguson

One month later an election was held in Prince Edward Island, when the Liberal Government headed by J. H. Bell was defeated by the Conservatives in almost every constituency, and in most cases by large majorities.

A referendum on the liquor question was held in two Provinces. On June 23 Manitoba voted against prohibition, and in support of the principle of the Government control of liquor sales, while subsequently on July 11, a bill to legalize the drinking of beer and light wines in the dining rooms of licensed hotels was defeated by a large majority.

A referendum was held in Alberta on November 5, when the system of Government control of liquor sales was carried by a large majority. Later in the month petitions were presented to Premier Dunning, of Saskatchewan, by the Moderation League, asking that the question of prohibition be submitted to the electorate of the Province.

Two distinguished visitors came to Canada last Fall. The Prince of Wales, traveling in official incognito as the Earl of Renfrew, arrived in Quebec on the Empress of France on September 12, and proceeded to his ranch in Calgary, where he enjoyed a holiday. He returned after less than a month in Alberta, reaching Montreal on October 10 and leaving for England aboard the Empress of

Former Premier David Lloyd George arrived on a visit to the chief cities of Canada and the United States on Saturday evening, October 6. He addressed ten thousand people in the Mount Royal Arena on Monday, October 8, and left for Ottawa the following day. He visited Toronto, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Winnipeg, and Chicago, then into the United States through Emerson by the Soo line to Minneapolis. Both in Canada and the United States he was acclaimed by enormous and enthusias-

Two conferences attended by representatives of all units of the British Empire were held in London this year, the Imperial Conference about the Economic Conference. Premier Mackenzie King, Sir Lomer Gouin, and George P. Graham represented Canada, and the sittings lasted from October 1 to November 8. The range of subjects was broad, varying from the question of Commonwealth citizenship and nationality, from the signing of treaties by separate units of the Empire to the extension of the three-mile limit. The latter subject was discussed, and a preference tax would be placed upon certain articles with a view to stimulating production within the Empire. These subjects included the question of tobacco. No preference was given to Empire-grown wheat.

A dramatic trial that excited interest throughout Canada was the charging of Father Delorme, an ordained priest of the Roman Catholic church, with the murder of his half brother. At a previous trial a plea of insanity had been brought in and upheld, but the priest was adjudged capable of standing trial later, and his case was heard from June 20 to July 28. Chief Justice Gauthier, who presided, after hearing the evidence the jury disagreed, testifying for conviction and two for acquittal. The accused was returned to jail without bail and the case will

An important case was the hearing of the Freight Rate appeal by British Columbia against the decision of the Railway Commission. The issue was a complicated one, arising out of the old Crow's Nest Pass Agreement with the C.P.R. and in effect B.C. asked that the rate for freight haul from British Columbia over the Rockies be fixed on a mileage basis and not on any other consideration.

On the 10th, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick finished his term of office as Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, and Hon. L. P. Brodeur was installed in office. The Prairie Provinces celebrated a banner year. The total production of the three provinces being: Wheat, 469,761,000 bushels; oats, 456,797,000 bushels, and barley, 62,569,000 bushels. An important conference of Provincial Premiers was held in Ottawa late in November, the immigration question was discussed. The Minister of Immigration announced that the restrictions on immigration would be relaxed and intimated that artisans would be sought for abroad and that immigration in future would not be restricted to the agricultural class.

A conference of the National Bureau of Education was held in Toronto in the first days of April, at which Sir Michael Sadler, Sir Henry Newbold and General Sir Robert Baden Powell were speakers.

The second session of the fourteenth Parliament of Canada, which opened

A black and white woodcut-style illustration of the Angel of Death. The angel, with large feathered wings and a long white beard, stands on a cloud. He holds a scythe in his right hand and pulls a heavy, dark curtain with his left. Behind the curtain, a landscape with a large, dark, cratered sphere (resembling the Earth or Moon) is visible under a stormy sky.

On January 23, a proposal was submitted by the Marquis Curzon on behalf of Britain at Turkey at the Lausanne Conference that the Mosul matter be left to arbitration by the League of Nations. Turkey refused. On January 30 a convention for the exchange of prisoners of war between Turkey and Greece was signed at Lausanne. On January 31, Britain formally presented the terms of

peace in Turkey. On February 4, the Lausanne Conference ended in disagreement. On April 3 Constantinople sent the penalty for infringement of the law being whippened. An April 10 the Angora Assembly ratified the Chester Conference. On July 9 the Angora Government accepted the terms to sign the Lausanne Treaty and, on August 6, a Turkish American Treaty of Commerce was signed. On September 15, the City of Constantinople turned over to the Greek Government the terms of the Lausanne Treaty, and on October 2, all Allied troops had evacuated Constantinople. On October 29, Angora was proclaimed the new capital. Kemal Pasha was the first president.

In China there was military activity early in the New Year, and on January 10, General Sun Yat Sen had occupied Foo Chow, moving on to Canton which he entered on January 11. On February 5, at Peking, Huang Pu succeeded Dr. Sae. On April 15, Liang Shao-chang, Premier of the Republic, announced that modern capital would be employed to modernize China, but before he had much time to put the proposed reforms into execution, it was replaced by General Sun Yat Sen, who was defeated on the South China front after being deserted by General Li Liechun. The new victor was General Chen Chiung-ming, who drove Sun Yat Sen from Canton on the Summer of 1922.

On August 18, a terrific typhoon visited Hong Kong, sinking fifty vessels in the harbor and killing 20 persons and doing much damage.

On September 30, China threatened to withdraw from the League of Nations. On October 4, the diplomatic body at Peking called China to task for not suppressing banditry. On November 11, General Li reported that the country was settling down and hinted at a closer rapprochement with Japan in the near future.

On January 11, the Lithuanians created a diversion in the Baltic by advancing on Memel, entering the city four days later. On February 1 the Allies issued an ultimatum to Lithuania ordering them to abandon Memel but the latter refused. The League of Nations and threatened withdrawal from the League was threatened with complete isolation if she persisted. Of course, the dispute between Poland and Lithuania was the subject of a conference at Helsinki on March 5, and a protocol fixing the boundaries was signed at Paris on March 15.

Two interesting events occurred in London late in January. On January 26, Miss N. A. Tata was admitted as the first woman barrister of India, and the first woman to be called to the bar in the Inns of Court. Three days later the King received the paramount chief of Swaziland.

In Mexico City riots on February 2 were put down by Yaqui soldiers. There was further rioting in Mexico City in early April.

of General Obregon for the first time since relations were broken off in 1917, but the year ended in turmoil with bloodshed between the two factions of Obregon and Huerta, each striving to jockey for position in view of the holding of the four year election for the presidency next year.

SPAIN'S REVOLUTION

In Spain, there was a general strike called at Barcelona following the assassination of Sagü, the Radical Party leader, but the country was quieted down by the onset of winter. There was no crisis in the political life of the country suddenly developed when the Spanish Cabinet resigned on September 16, 1930, and on September 17, a group started a revolution against the monarchy. The revolution was headed by General Primo Rivera. King Alfonso XIII refused to support his Prime Minister, and in punishment he fled to France. On September 18, Rivera took office as military dictator of Spain. Later in November, accompanied by the King, Rivera paid a visit to Mussolini and returned to Spain two to three days before the Italian King.

floods and grave fears were expressed for the safety of the people while on March 27 Zaghlul Pasha was ordered to return to Egypt. April 6, judges in Bulgaria condemned six members of the Cabinet that took the country into war on the side of Germany to a term of life imprisonment.

On July 5, the World Court began its first hearing of the Kiei Kai case. On August 15, the four northern provinces of Korea were visited by a tidal wave and typhoon which killed 346 persons and destroyed about 25,000 houses along the Yalu river. On September 1-2, the most disastrous earthquake in modern history occurred in Japan: estimated dead 150,000 and two-thirds of the population of Tokio or 1,356,000 persons.

tion was started in Greece, military garrisons of Corinth, Patras, but by October 23, it had been suppressed. On November 1, German Crown Prince returned to Germany amid the half-hearted protests of France and England. A great political significance was attached to his return. On December 10, there was further fighting in several parts of Mexico.

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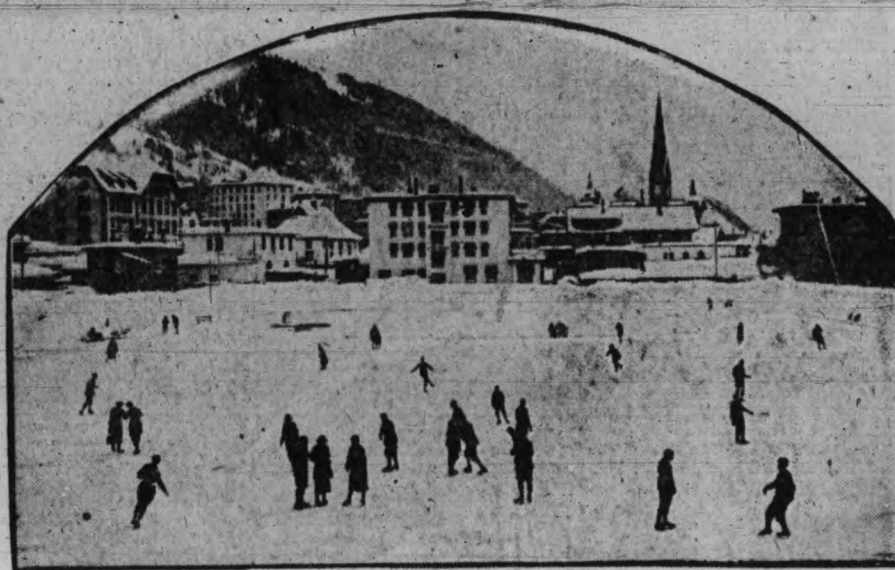
THE TIMES DAILY PICTURE PAGE



DEPICTING BIBLE STORY.—Anton Lang, the Christus of the Oberammergau "Passion Play," is shown beside one of his works in the stone, depicting a story from Bible history.



MRS. DORRIT S. WOODHOUSE, of Westfield, Mass., values her love at a cool million dollars. She is suing her wealthy parents-in-law for that sum, claiming that they alienated the affections of her husband.



THE WINTER SOCIAL AND SPORTING SEASON is in full swing at Davos Platz, Switzerland.



LATEST STOOL PIGEON STUNT.—"Mama dolls! Mama dolls! Buy your little girl a mama doll." A housewife looked out and saw a young man holding a big blue-eyed fluffy-haired doll under each arm, looking at her imploringly.—"Come in," she said. He did, but while praising his wares kept looking around with more than casual interest. The woman suddenly seemed alarmed and rushed to the kitchen. So did the salesman, who dropped his doll and seized the woman's wrist just as she was about to empty a jug of moonshine whisky into the sink. Then he arrested her for bootlegging. He is liquor enforcement officer Arthur Koch, and the dolls are his decoys in piling up a record of arrests.



NAVAL BOYS VISIT SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Natives of Kieta, Solomon Islands, pick up easy money when the naval boys are given shore liberty. These petty officers are buying bows and arrows to exhibit to their bored relatives at home.



PETER KIRKEGAARD, well-known mining engineer and vice-consul of Denmark, is dead in Toronto, aged seventy.



"NOT INFALLIBLE."—Dr. John Roach Straton, of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City (above), lost a debate to Rev. Charles F. Potter of the Unitarian Church, New York (below), on the question: "Resolved That the Bible is the Infallible Word of God." Dr. Straton upheld the affirmative end of the argument. The debate was staged as part of the fundamentalist-modernist controversy raging in the East. Nearly 2,500 persons heard it, and thousands were turned away.



GENERAL ANGEL FLORES, who aspires to become president of Mexico, has temporarily announced his relinquishment of the candidacy in order to aid President Obregon to maintain order in the republic. It is said that Flores will now have a better chance of election than ever.



THE INNOCENT VICTIMS.—It was a blue Christmas for Mrs. Leo Koretz, wife of the "Chicago Ponzi," and her two little children. The husband, accused of swindling hundreds in bogus oil transactions, is being hunted over land and sea. And the wife, who, according to authorities, also lost money in her husband's alleged illegal speculations, has given up considerable of her personal property in an attempt to alleviate the losses of others.



BOBBED HAIR!—The only woman ambassador in the world is Mrs. Kolontay (above). She's the Bolshevik envoy to Norway. She's a real diplomat, they say.

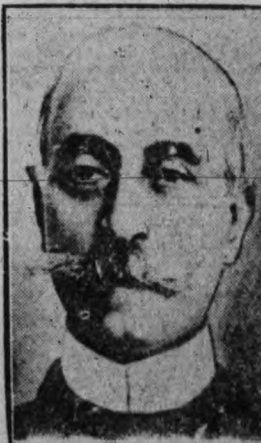


BUDDIE AND HIS FRIENDS

By Robt. L. Dickey



PREMIER W. F. MASSEY of New Zealand is visiting Canada this week.



ADMIRAL KOUNDOURIOTIS is regent of Greece following the flight of King George and Queen Elizabeth.



CHARLES S. MORGAN, Hamilton lawyer, has arrived at Minneapolis to carry out "Red" Ryan's legal battle against deportation to Canada.



MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON, son of the Duke of Devonshire, was victorious in the West Derbyshire by-election. The seat was held for nearly two centuries by members of the Cavendish family until 1918, when the late Charles F. White secured it for the Liberals. The Marquis is a Conservative.

SCHOOL DAYS By DWIG



Wall Street

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York Stock Exchange, Dec. 31, 1923

Last Minute News on Stocks and Financial Affairs

HIGHER OIL PRICES SEND STOCKS UP

Burdick Bros., — Prices averaged higher to-day under the leadership of U.S. Steel, which moved into new high ground since the forward movement of security prices got under way. The general list gathered strength. The oils were again prominent on the upside, the equipments were in better demand and several specialties were prominently active and strong. Another advance in Pennsylvania crude oil prices was announced this morning, the view for fresh buying operations in the oil section of the list.

It is believed that California crude oil prices will be advanced immediately after the turn of the new year. The remarks of prominent business men in the industrial world, the substance of which expressed the view that better business will be the order of things in 1924 was of course not without some effect on sentiment.

As we approach the New Year there seems to be an air of confidence with respect to the business outlook in general.

BALDWIN REDUCES OPERATIONS

B. A. Bonds: Baldwin Loco. Works this week will have under 12,000 men at work compared with 21,500 at peak of years operations. Unfilled orders between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 against December shipments of over \$10,000,000. Profit for 1923 will exceed \$5,000,000, making it best year in the company's history.

HOUSMAN FAVORS LARD DROP

B. A. Bond—A. A. Housman and Co. said this morning: "We believe that on any further advance in the oil group profits should be accepted. We do not feel bullish on any group, but the rise in the oils has been much more extensive than anyone looked for, and seems to have discounted probable betterment in earnings during the next few months."

"We like the rails as they have not kept pace with the advance in the balance of the market, and while they may be low there is no doubt that large sums have been spent for improvements, and this will tell in earnings when the physical condition of the roads is such that further expenditures for extension and betterment are unnecessary."

RAILS AND OILS ACTIVE AND HIGHER

By B. A. Bond: A good deal of strength was shown in to-day's stock market, especially in the railroad group. New York Central, Great Northern, Union Pacific and while more and more oil were up a point, Southern Railway was far the strongest rail and dividend rumors on this issue were revived. It is quite likely that the common stock will be put on a dividend basis in March. The oils were carried forward again under the leadership of Producers and Refiners, which group was followed by U. S. Steel, which crossed par, a new high point for this movement.

A strong undertone prevailed at the close.

The Washington Government has agreed to sell a quantity of war material to the Obregon Government, according to a dispatch.

Secy. Wallace in a review of the year from an agricultural standpoint announced in a statement to-night that conditions augur well for continued improvement in the material properties of the American farmer.

Cheapeake & Ohio November operating income \$479,492, against \$728,577 in 1922.

Texas & Pacific net operating income \$565,882, against \$524,991.

Shreveport says the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana has advanced prices on all grades of crude oil 15 cents a barrel.

Copper, lead and zinc showed a decided increase in production during the year.

In the case of the first and last, however, consumption, although at extraordinary proportions, did not keep pace with production, and profits were limited accordingly.

The oil industry has had a disquieting year, though the future looks very promising.

Complete disorganization following the Japanese earthquake, the silk market toward the end of the year got back to levels which obtained before the disaster or below them.

Dow Jones averages: Twenty Industrials 55.23, up 11; twenty rails 80.65, up .52; forty leading stocks 56.61, up .01.

TO-DAY'S TRADING IN WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—No special feature marked the closing of the year on the grain exchange. There was a fair volume of business, some buying which represented export business worked over the week-end in wheat that is at lower Lake levels and a considerable adjustment in prices from December to May. The market showed a little early strength while the buying was in large volume, but as the cash prices fell off slightly.

The cash markets again were devoid of feature.

Wheat—Open 99 1/2, High 99 3/4, Low 99 1/4, Close 99 1/2. May 100 1/2, High 100 3/4, Low 100 1/4, Close 100 1/2.

Oats—Open 21 1/2, High 21 3/4, Low 21 1/4, Close 21 1/2. May 22 1/2, High 22 3/4, Low 22 1/4, Close 22 1/2.

Barley—Open 28 1/2, High 28 3/4, Low 28 1/4, Close 28 1/2. May 29 1/2, High 29 3/4, Low 29 1/4, Close 29 1/2.

Flax—Open 200, High 200, Low 200, Close 200. May 200, High 200, Low 200, Close 200.

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Moose Jaw Bowlers Give Champion Bad Trimming on Tour

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 31.—Jimmy Blouin, world's champion bowler, had an off day here Saturday, and won only two games out of a series of twelve played against local men. He declared the Moose Jaw bowlers the best he has met in Canada so far. Blouin's highest single game here yesterday was 263, while Nemo Hunter, an opponent in the afternoon series, chalked up 246. Blouin's average for the first six games was 191 and Hunter 201.

In the evening the champion had a little better luck, and he managed to get second place against three local men. Blouin got 300 for five games and Frost 240. In an extra game with Frost he made 157 against the local man's 142. The average for six games in the evening was Blouin, 175; Frost, 180.

Paddock Wants to be Reinstated But Will Not Apologize

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Although Charles Paddock, "world's fastest human," will apply for reinstatement in the amateur athletic union in order to become eligible to compete for a place on the 1924 American Olympic team, declared here last night, he will not retract anything he has said about that organization. Paddock's decision to apply for reinstatement was made to meet the request of General Palmer Pierce, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, made Friday night before the close of the annual convention in Atlanta.

"Having always followed the recommendations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, I will apply for reinstatement in the A.A.U.," Paddock said. "But I cannot take back what I have said, and I will not take back what I have said."

OLD COUNTRY RUGBY

London, Dec. 31 (Canadian Press Cable).—Football games played in the Old Country Saturday under the auspices of the Rugby Union resulted as follows:

Portsmouth Services 26, Public Schools 16.
Old Blues 30, Old Hibernians 17.
Saracens 6, Old Eithemians 11.
Wasps 24, Welsh 20.
London Welsh 22, Metropolitan Police 3.
Honorable Artillery Company 4, Old Bedfordians 1.
Chesham 11, Barrow 8.
University College School Old Boys 41, Old Leysians 6.
Old Marlborough 6, Charlton Park 0.
Sutton 6, Sidcup 8.
Tonbridge 3, Catford Bridge 0.
Old Edwardians 8, Rugby 0.
Newbold 29, Nuneaton 3.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

DEATHS

KEAPPOCK—On Dec. 29, 1923, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Mary Keaprock, aged 73 years, born in Rathfriland, County Wick, Ireland. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G. H. Haynes and Mrs. W. W. Hudson, in Victoria; also three sons, Joseph, of Seattle; Thomas, in Victoria; and Michael, in Vancouver.

The remains are resting at the chapel of the U.C. Funeral Co., whence the funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

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**EMPHATIC VOTE ON
CRYSTAL GARDEN**

**Eight to One Majority For the
Amusement Centre**
**Large Poll For By-Law Was
Triumph of Organization**

The vote of the Victoria electors
on the Amusement Centre
by-law on Saturday was as em-
phatic as the most optimistic
supporter of the Crystal Garden
could hope. By a poll of 2,909
to 325, and only fourteen spoiled
papers the decisive majority
showed the opinion of the prop-
erty owners. The total vote cast
is within 450 of that for aldermen
two weeks ago, and in view of the
fact that property owners alone
voted, the verdict is still more com-
plete. In fact with the exception of
a vote on one of the Johnson Street
Bridge by-laws it is the best for a
money by-law yet cast in the city.
As a consequence the by-law receiv-
ed nearly a thousand more than the
necessary three-fifths of the poll.

RATIFICATION
The necessary ratification by the
City Council was given at a special
meeting called for this afternoon.
While the credit for the large vote
must be divided among a number of
persons, there is no doubt that the
Amusement Centre committee of the
Chamber of Commerce deserves the
most hearty praise for the way in
which they handled the arrangements.
All day long the committee room in
the Westmore Block was directing
the dispatch of cars, and the turn-
out of the women was an exception-
ally fine feature of the afternoon.
The voting was under the super-
vision of Returning Officer William
Scowcroft, and was directed by
Deputy Returning Officer E. P. Kay.
Mayor Hixson, many of the mem-
bers of the committee, and the cam-
paign manager, W. G. Gance, were
present at the close of the poll, and
some remained until the completion
of the count. In every sub-division
the figures were overwhelming, and
as the ballots came out of the boxes,
before they were tallied, it was quite
obvious the measure would have an
ample majority.

Major Cuthbert Holmes, chairman
of the committee, and Alfred Car-
michael, a member of the committee,
both voiced their sentiments, and C.
W. P. Schwengers, president of the
Chamber of Commerce, added his
expression of satisfaction at the de-
cision.

Some of the aldermen, particularly
those who had worked with Alder-
man Todd to get the by-law before
the people before the term of office
of the present council expired, were
particularly pleased.

**STILL MECCA FOR
MAKERS OF HISTORY**

**Many People Distinguished in
All Walks of Life Came to
Victoria in 1923**

Victoria for many years, owing
to its position on the highway of
the world by sea and land, either
through the Orient or the An-
tipodes had its full share of dis-
tinguished people in 1923.

Imperial functions in London were
responsible for several visitors. Fed-
eral ministers were out here on ad-
ministrative business, and there was
an unusually large number of people
connected with the railway, financial
and other commercial interests of the
Dominion. The city felt the reflex ac-
tion of the great gathering of educa-
tionists in Toronto early in the year,
in the visit of famous men like Sir
Henry Newbolt, Sir Michael Sadler
and Sir Robert Baden Powell.
Accompanying is a list of the prin-
cipal visitors:
January 12—Mischa Elman, violin-
ist.
January 19 and June 23—Sir Henry
Thornton, president Canadian Na-
tional Railways.
January 26—Major-General Hon. W.
A. Griesbach, soldier and senator.
February 2—Leo Ornstein, pianist.
February 8—Sir Percy Fitzpatrick,
South African financier and politician.
February 27—G. R. Crowe, Wanni-
peg, grain expert.
February 27—Madge Kennedy, mo-
tion picture actress.
March 6—Alderman (now Mayor)
Kenneth Blatchford, Edmonton, grain
inquiry.
March 10—Edward Johnson, tenor.
March 16—Sir Henry Newbolt, Brit-
ish author and poet.
March 24—Rosina Buckman, opera
star.
April 23—Sir Robert and Lady Ba-
den Powell.
April 28—Sir Michael Sadler, Brit-
ish educationist.
May 3—Major J. L. Retallack, back
from West Africa.
May 4—Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese
Minister at Washington.
May 5—Dr. Chilian Taur, Chinese
Consul-General in Canada.
May 7—R. M. Clive, C.M.G., coun-
sellor to British Legation, Peking.
June 15—Martin J. Egan, Journal-
ist.
June 14—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle,
author and spiritualist.
June 16—Congressional party here
from Alaska, en route to Washington.
June 17—Fritz Kreisler, musician.
June 17—Sir Edward Crowe, at-
tached to British Embassy, Tokio.
June 18—Alex. Sklarovsky, Russian
pianist.
June 26—Col. J. S. Dennis, C.P.R.
department head.
June 28—Sir George Fuller, Premier
of New South Wales.
June 29—Hon. K. S. W. Lawson,
Premier of Victoria, Australia.
July 10—Rev. Canon Scott, senior
military chaplain.
July 11—L. S. Block, vice-president
Inland Steel Company, Chicago.
July 12—R. W. Craig, K.C., Attor-
ney-General of Manitoba.
June 15 and August 14—K. E. By-
ram, president of Chicago, Milwaukee
and St. Paul Railway.
July 16—R. W. Dutton, senior Brit-
ish trade commissioner in Canada.
July 18—J. S. McKinnon, British
Empire exhibition commissioner.
July 23 and December 23—Hon. J.

**Conventions Held
Here During Year**

The year has been an excep-
tional one for conventions. Chief
among them are:
February 21—Orangemen of B.C.
April 13 and 14—Life Under-
writers of B.C.
May 23 and 24—Daughters of the
Nile.
June 1 and 2—Washington State
Bankers.
June 6, 7, 8 and 9—Moose Con-
vention.
June 6, 7 and 8—King's Daugh-
ters of B.C.
June 12—Women's Benefit As-
sociation (national organization).
June 26 to 28—Hundred Per
Cent Club (national).
June 30—Northwest Electric
Light and Power Association
(closing day).
July 2—Northwest Stationers'
Association.
July 7—G.W.V.A. Dominion
Convention (closing day).
August 2—National American
Wholesale Lumbermen.
August 4—B.C. Funeral Direc-
tors.
August 28 to 30—Northwest
Photographers' Association.
September 7 and 8—British Em-
pire Forestry Convention (impe-
rial).
September 18—American Pas-
senger Agents' Association.
September 17 to 19—Association
of Canadian Clubs (national
body).
September 27—Canadian Wo-
men's Press Club (main body).
September 28 and 29—American
College of Surgeons, Pacific
Northwest section.
December 12—Western Canada
Livestock Union.

H. Kings, Federal Minister of Public
Works.
August 1—Duchess d'Aosta and
Duke of Spolito.
August 1—Farmer Gerald McShane,
lecturer.
August 13—Baron E. de Gailfior,
of Peking, banker.
August 15—Samuel Rea, president
Pennsylvania Railroad.
August 24—F. K. Richmond, direc-
tor Hudson's Bay Company, London.
August 27—Lieut.-Col. Hon. S. C.
Peel, former British M.P., grandson
of Sir Robert Peel and son of former
Speaker.
September 5—C. J. Yagath, munic-
ipal specialist.
September 6—Lady Stratford, lead-
ford, leader in British women's insti-
tutes.
September 7—Sir Joseph Reed,
British newspaper proprietor.
September 8—Lord Leval, president
British Empire Forestry Conference.
September 8—Major-General W. S.
Hughes, penitentiary head.
September 11—Senator O. Turgeon.
September 14—Sir Edward Grigg,
British M.P. and lecturer.
September 17—Dr. Henry Suzzallo,
educationalist.
September 18 and October 4—Sir
George Foster.
September 20—Miss Agnes Mc-
Phail, first Canadian woman M.P.
September 23—Dr. Charles A. Boyd,
political economist.
September 25—Col. George H. Ham,
publicist.
September 25—Swiss editorial party.
September 25—Earl of Birkenhead,
former British Lord Chancellor.
September 26—C.P.R. presidential
party, Mr. Beatty, Sir Herbert Holt,
Sir Augustus Nanton and others.
September 26—Sir Thomas H.
Brooke, Hitching, former Sheriff of
London and well-known British mu-
nicipal leader.
October 1—Anglican bishops to lay
foundation stone.
October 1—Dr. J. T. Case, eminent
radiologist.
October 12—Hon. Ernest Lapointe,
Minister of Marine.
October 15—Dr. Ambrose Swasey,
pioneer telescope maker.
October 19—Dr. Alfred Lavell, pa-
rols authority.
October 19—Church union delega-
tion, including Dr. G. C. Hildeson, Dr.
Alfred Gaudier, moderator, and Dr.
W. T. Gunn, secretary of Congrega-
tional Church in Canada.
October 20—Dr. Berthold Laufer,
archaeologist.
October 22—F. K. Morris, Mongo-
lian explorer.
October 23—Dr. A. Levanzin, Mal-
tese publicist.
October 27—Benno Moiselwitzsch,
pianist.
October 31—Hugh F. Marriott, Brit-
ish mining engineer.
November 1—Hon. T. A. Low, Min-
ister of Trade and Commerce.
November 5—Hon. Jacques Bureau,
Minister of Customs.
November 8—Madame Clara Butt,
contralto.
November 22—Sir Edgar Bowring,
Newfoundland statesman.
December 3—Irene Castle, dancer.
December 7—Hon. Manuel Roxas,
Filipino statesman.
December 8—Lord Leverhulme,
manufacturer and philanthropist.
December 14—Duncan Marshall,
Commissioner of Agriculture.
December 14—Hon. T. A. Crerar,
M.P.
December 25—Valdemar Rosing,
musician.
December 27—William Sproule,
president of Southern Pacific Rail-
way.
December 29—John Philip Sousa,
bandmaster.

**VITAL STATISTICS
OF DYING YEAR**

**Doctor Finds Milk Supply of
City is Satisfactory**

Vital statistics for 1923 issued by
Dr. A. G. Price, Medical Health Of-
ficer, show the birth rate per thou-
sand at 23.5, the death rate 12.1 per
thousand, and the marriage rate 9.3
per thousand. The marriage and
birth rates show a decline. The in-
fant mortality shows a steady de-
cline, now being 42.7 per thousand.
The clinic at the department exam-
ining 447 babies, the total number of
examinations being 1,025.
MILK SUPPLY
"The milk supply of Victoria has
never been under so satisfactory con-
ditions as at present," says Dr. Price.
"The number of cows which have
been tested during the year and cer-
tified healthy, which are supplying
milk to the city is 2,378. Comparing
this number with those of other
cities, I have the government reports
for 1921 which show that Ottawa,
Saskatoon, Calgary and Regina had
respectively 1,250, 1,813, 617, and 670
cows tested and certified as healthy,
supplying milk to those cities. The

milk by-law passed early in the year
has been a very great help in bring-
ing about so satisfactory a result."
There are at the present time, 228
dairymen of cows supplying
milk to the city. Seven hundred and
fourteen samples of milk were tested
in the laboratory of the health de-
partment and only few of these sam-
ples were found to be below standard
or impure.
Dr. Price indicates his intention to
make a recommendation with regard
to Chinatown conditions, remarking
that if a general policy of condem-
nation took place, it might lead to
the distribution of Chinese all over the
city.
During the first eleven months of
1923, 102 patients were treated in the
Isolation Hospital for a total of 2,012
days. These figures are consider-
ably in excess of those for the two
previous years, the increases being
due to the number of scarlet fever
cases cared for in the hospital from
Oak Bay as well as the city.
The number of days that residents
of the city spent in the Jubilee Hos-
pital this year was larger than for
1922.

**BOYS' PARLIAMENT
ATTRACTING KEEN
ATTENTION IN B.C.**

**Members of Boys' Work
Groups Elect "Cabinet" and
"House" Will Sit Jan. 2**
Fulfilling all formalities necessary
to a genuine provincial election,
members of Boys' Work groups

throughout B.C. will convene their
first Parliament in the Legislative
Buildings on January 2, when a three
day "session" will ensue.
Nathaniel Owen, of Keys Square St.
John's Church, has been chosen
"Premier." A Victoria boy, Maxwell
Maynard, becomes "Provincial Sec-
retary." The remainder of the
"Cabinet" follows:
Minister of Finance—Fred Higgin-
botham, Argos, Canadian Memorial
Church, Vancouver.
Minister of the Intellectual Depart-
ment—Roy Hay, New Westminster.
Minister of the Physical Depart-
ment—Russell Robinson, Hustlers,
Wesley Church, Vancouver.
Minister of the Devotional Depart-
ment—W. J. Bell, Live Wires.
Minister of the Service Depart-
ment—Harold Galbraith, H. O. A.
Square, Vernon.
Minister of Municipalities—Max
Honey, Salmon Arm.
The formation of the "Parliament"
was the outcome of active and en-
ergetic work on the part of the mem-
bers of Provincial Boys' Work Coun-
cils throughout B.C. The idea, that
of fostering in the youth of to-day a
knowledge of how countries are run,
spread like wildfire, and received
warm assistance at every hand.
The youthful "legislators" will have
the experience of professional writs in
their "session" where all matters will
be dealt with as in a genuine session
of the House. The boys will use a
mace made for a similar boys parlia-
ment in Alberta and loaned for the
occasion. The affair will be an an-
nual one, it is planned, and after the
first "session" no adult aid will be
required, the "members" of the
"Junior House" functioning com-
pletely as a "legislative body."
The budget and programme of
work to be laid before the youthful
assembly will contain many matters
dealing with boys' work in B.C.
Notice the composition of the
"Cabinet" and the titles of each por-
tion. The idea is one tried out with
great success in other places, and
will become firmly established here.



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